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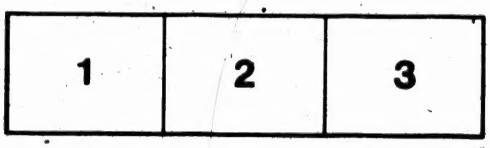

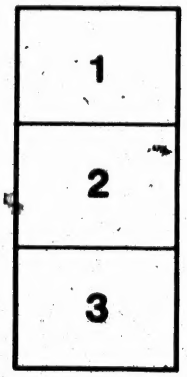

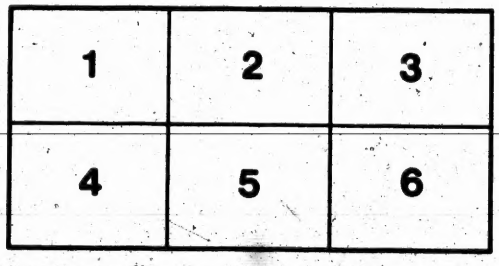

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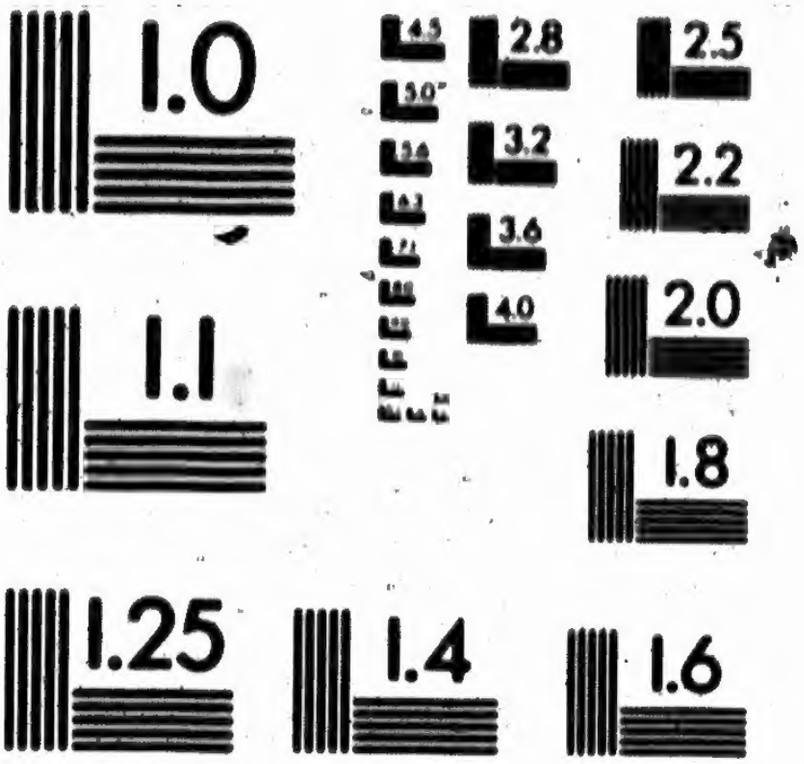

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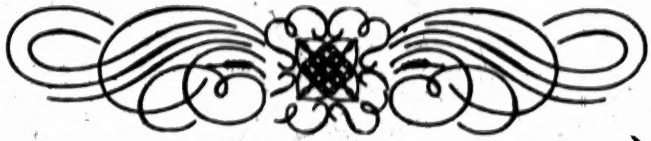

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ADDRESS.

The Singing of Psalms is not an optional department of worship, but a divinely-appointed ordinance. It is pleasing to God, and profitable to his people; and, in every time of lively earnest religion—as in the earliest days of Christianity, and the period following the Reformation—much prominence has been given to exercises of united praise.

The primary duty is, to sing with the heart—for this is worship. But who does not recognise the propriety of singing with taste and understanding too?

The object of the present compilation is to facilitate the cultivation of Sacred Music. The thing we desiderate in the vocal praise of God, is, "grave, sweet melody." We are very far from approving the taste which, of late years, has produced and sanctioned so vast a multitude of Psalm and Hymn Tunes of a light and florid character,—full of involved passages, ambitious solos, and vain, irreverent repetitions. We would have them grave without gloom, simple without dulness, and cheerful without levity. The music we seek must be appropriate to *worship*—not to anything of operatic or theatrical *display*. In the following collection, therefore, will be found the *Old Airs*—so precious, not only for their intrinsic beauty, but also for their heart-stirring associations,—together with such modern compositions as have received a judicious and general approbation, and by their touching pathos or simple cheerfulness, subserve the great end of intelligent and harmonious worship.

There may be "bawling" in the Church—but there can be no true and pleasant "singing," until Congregations generally make this matter their study, and *learn to sing*. There are but few to whom the capacity has been entirely denied; and we hope the time is not far distant when all will learn to sing as regularly as they learn to read. The present collection is published with a view to meet the wants of many Families and Congregations, and to promote a general improvement in the vocal praises of the Church, that these may be more harmoniously celebrated by the worshippers at large, and not confined to little coteries or choirs of practised voices, while the people are dumb, or follow at a halting pace.

The excellent William Romaine, in an Essay on Psalmody, published A. D., 1775, keenly rebukes the practice of leaving this department of public worship to be "performed" *before* a congregation, not conducted intelligently,

loudly, and audibly by them:—" I have scarce ever seen a congregation in which every one joined in singing. This is a very great abuse, because it is defeating the end of God's institution. He commanded Psalms to be sung for mutual edification. It was to be the service of the whole Church. All were to join; whereas, among us, it is performed by some few, and they are sometimes set by themselves in a singing gallery, or in a corner of the church, where they sing to be admired for their fine voices, and others look upon their performance for their entertainment. This is a vile prostitution of Church Music, and contrary to the letter and spirit both of the Old Testament and the New."

The Sacred Music, by its natural constitution, is of four classes—Treble, Counter Tenor, Tenor, and Bass. Therefore, with this fourfold division, the Sacred Music in the present collection is harmonized in four parts:—

First.—The Air or Melody, always the leading part—to be sung by Treble voices—that is, by the females and children.

Second.—The Counter Tenor, or Second Treble—to be sung by the deepest toned females and highest male voices.

Third.—The Tenor—to be sung exclusively by Tenor voices.

Fourth.—The Bass—appropriated to the deepest toned male voices.

It should always be, in Congregational singing, a harsh, "jangling" confusion of sound, as long as the air is sung promiscuously, by men, women, and children, low, indeed, imagining that they sing the Bass, or some other part, whilst playing out the Air to a great unskilful tune.

We would urgently say to all—Take the trouble to study the parts proper to your voices. Then, and not till then, will be a pleasing harmony. Let the voice come from the chest—not from the nose or throat. Let not the [illegible] be heard, like the chanted Psalm directed, and adhere strictly to your own part; sing it as it is written—without any grace notes or ornamental flourishes whatever.

"O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with Psalms."

Montrose, September, 1851.

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In first measure of the Treble of St. Neot's, for read

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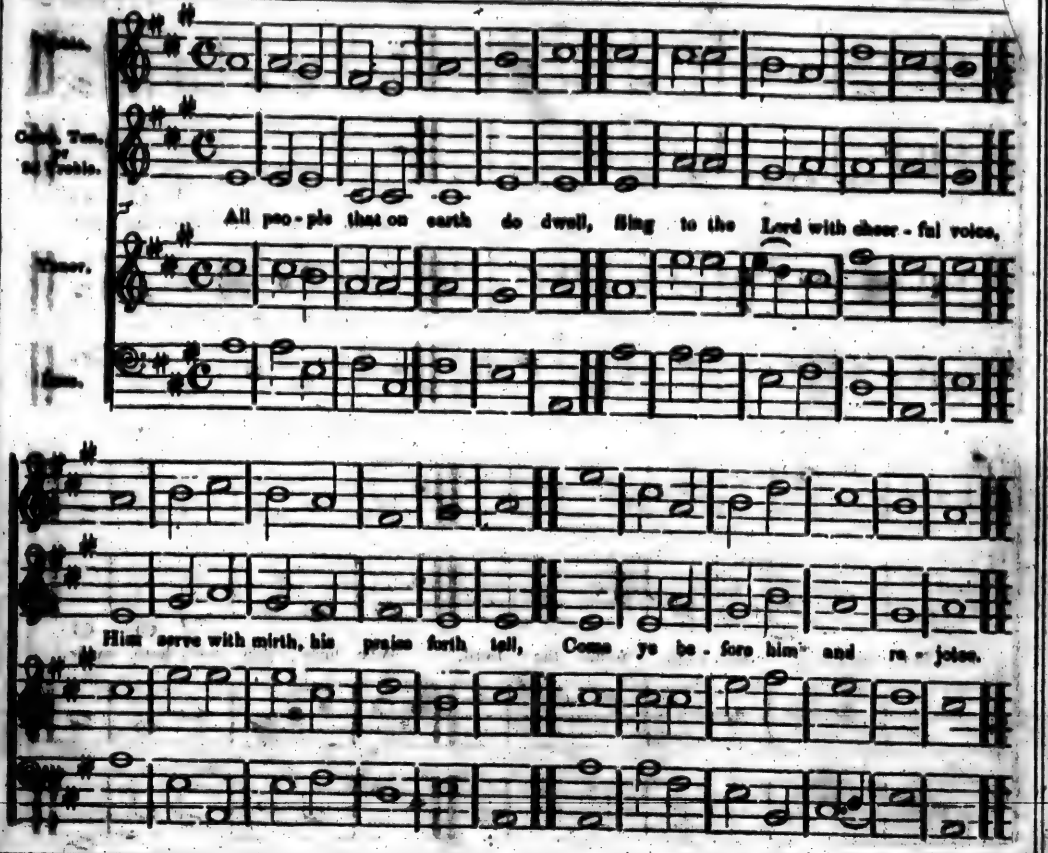

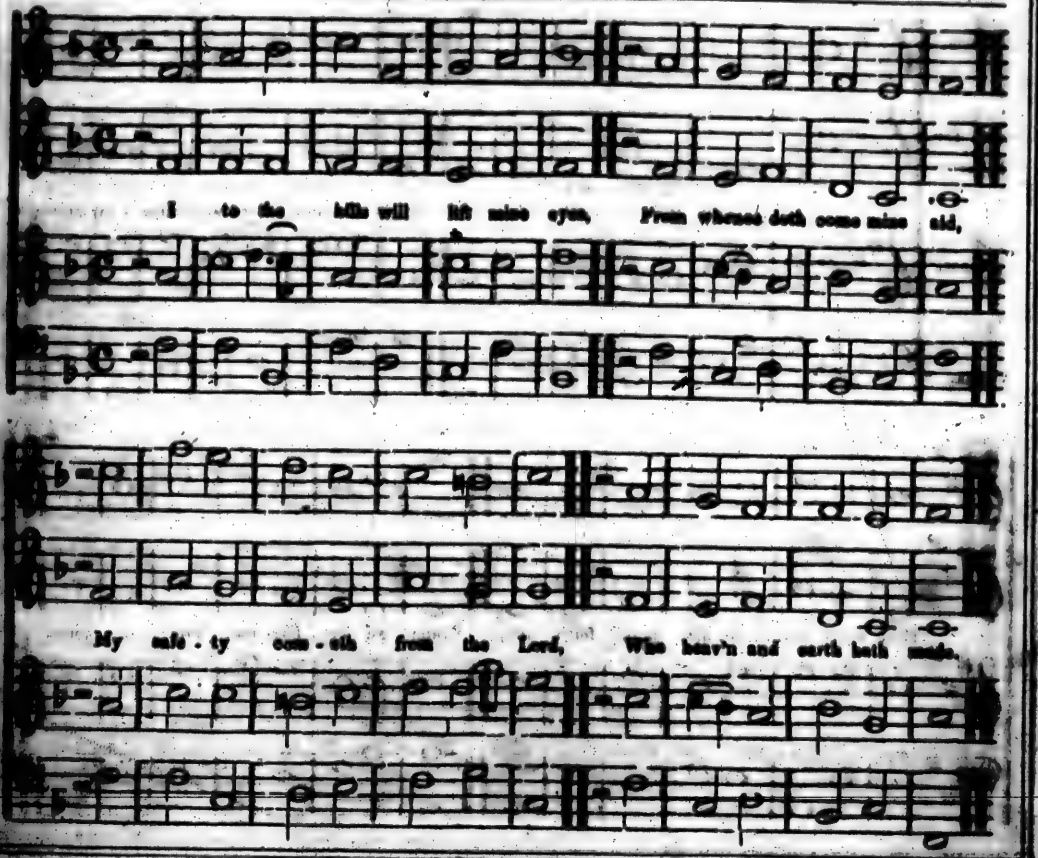
I to the hills will lift mine eyes, From whence doth come mine aid,
My safe - ty com - eth from the Lord, Who heav'n and earth hath made.

Ps. xxiv. 7—10.

III.—St. GEORGE'S NEWBURGH.—C.M.D.

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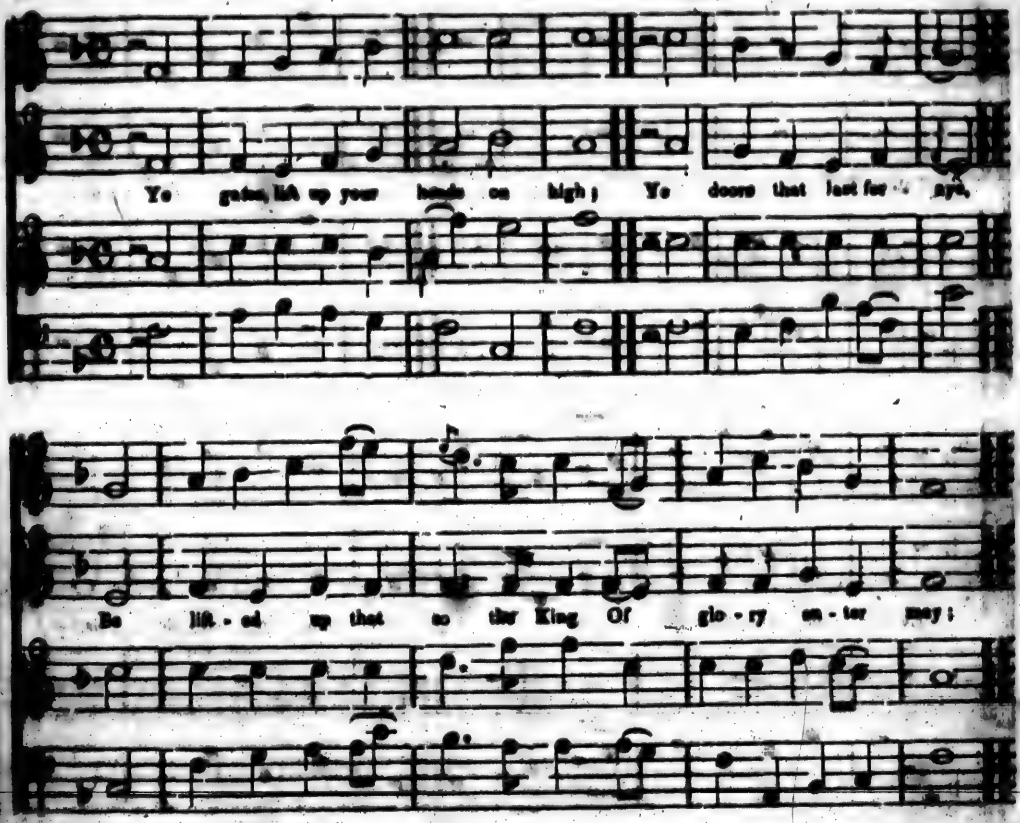

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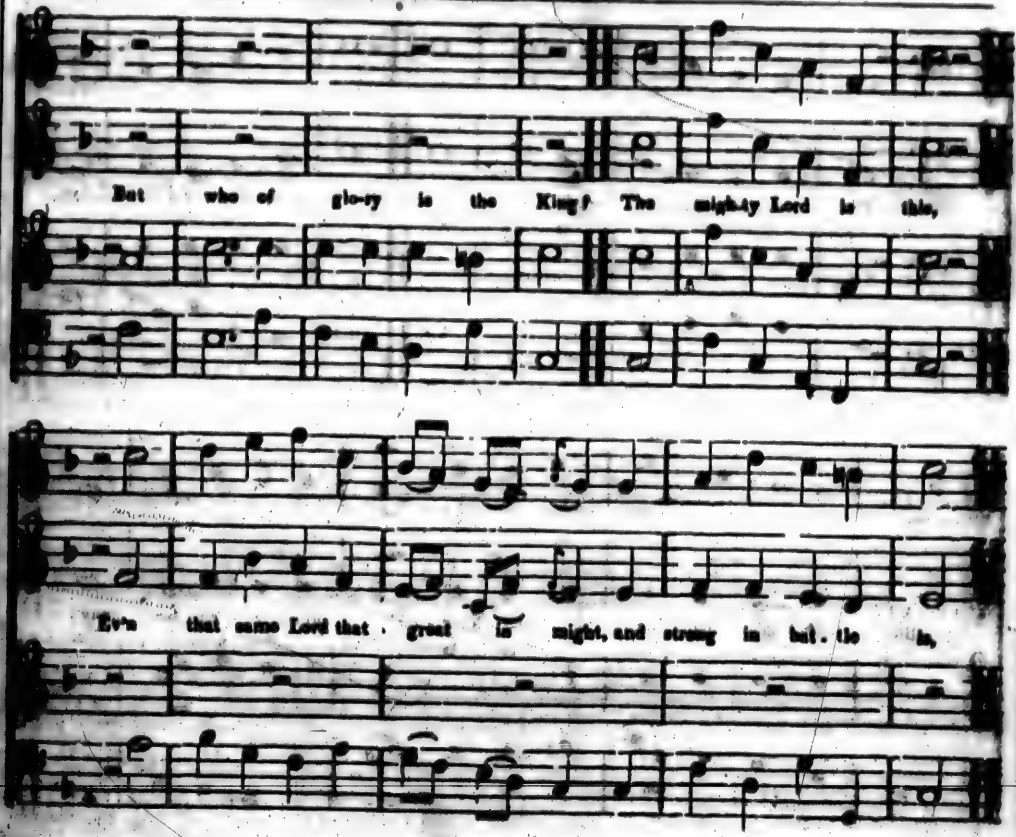
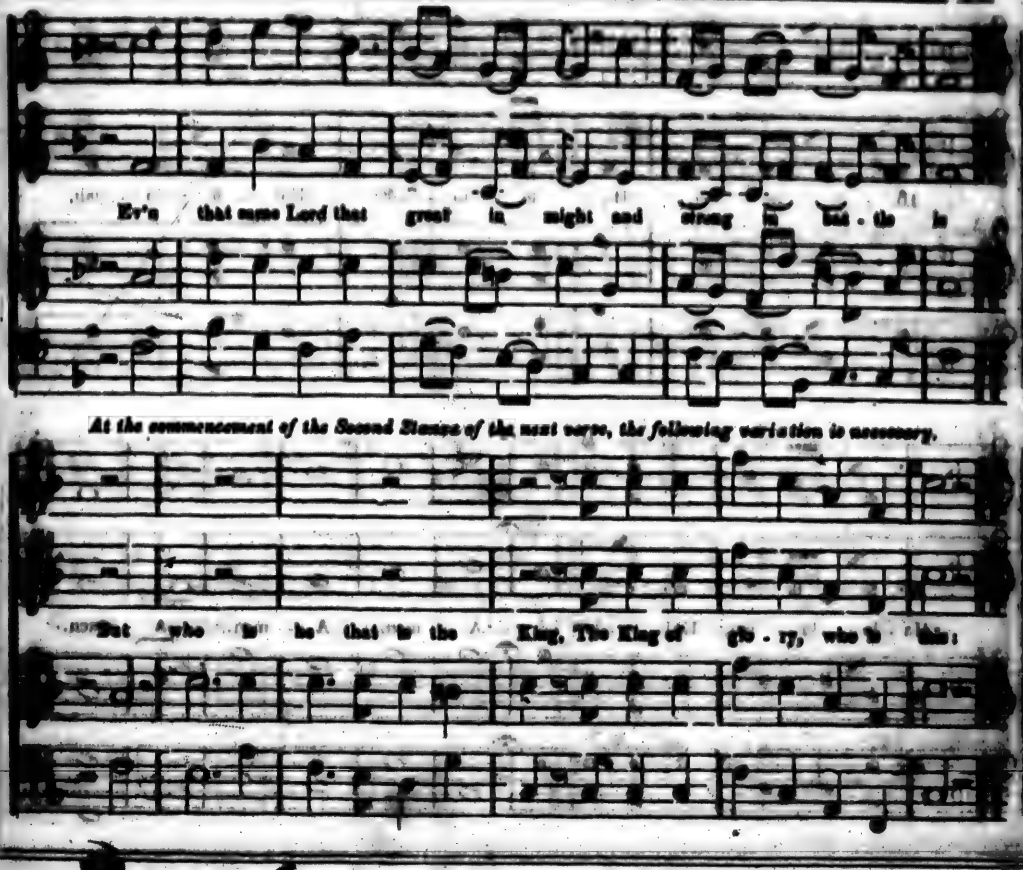
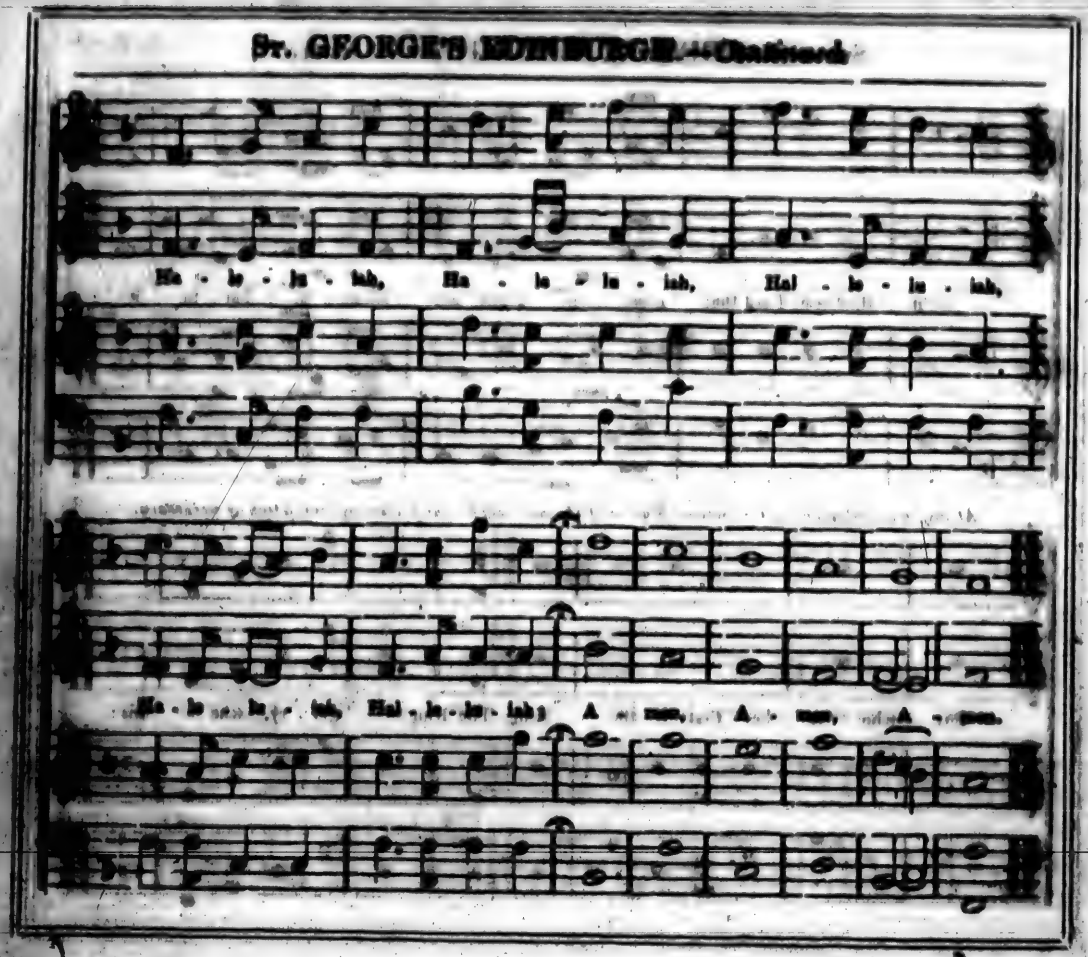
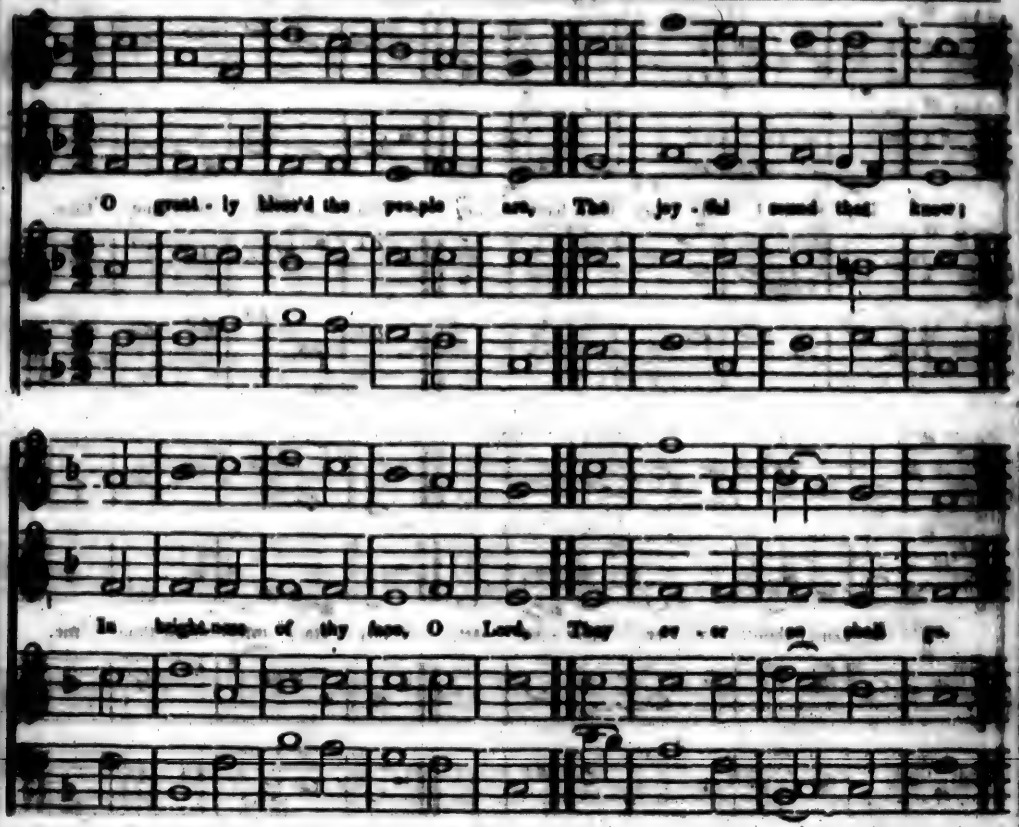
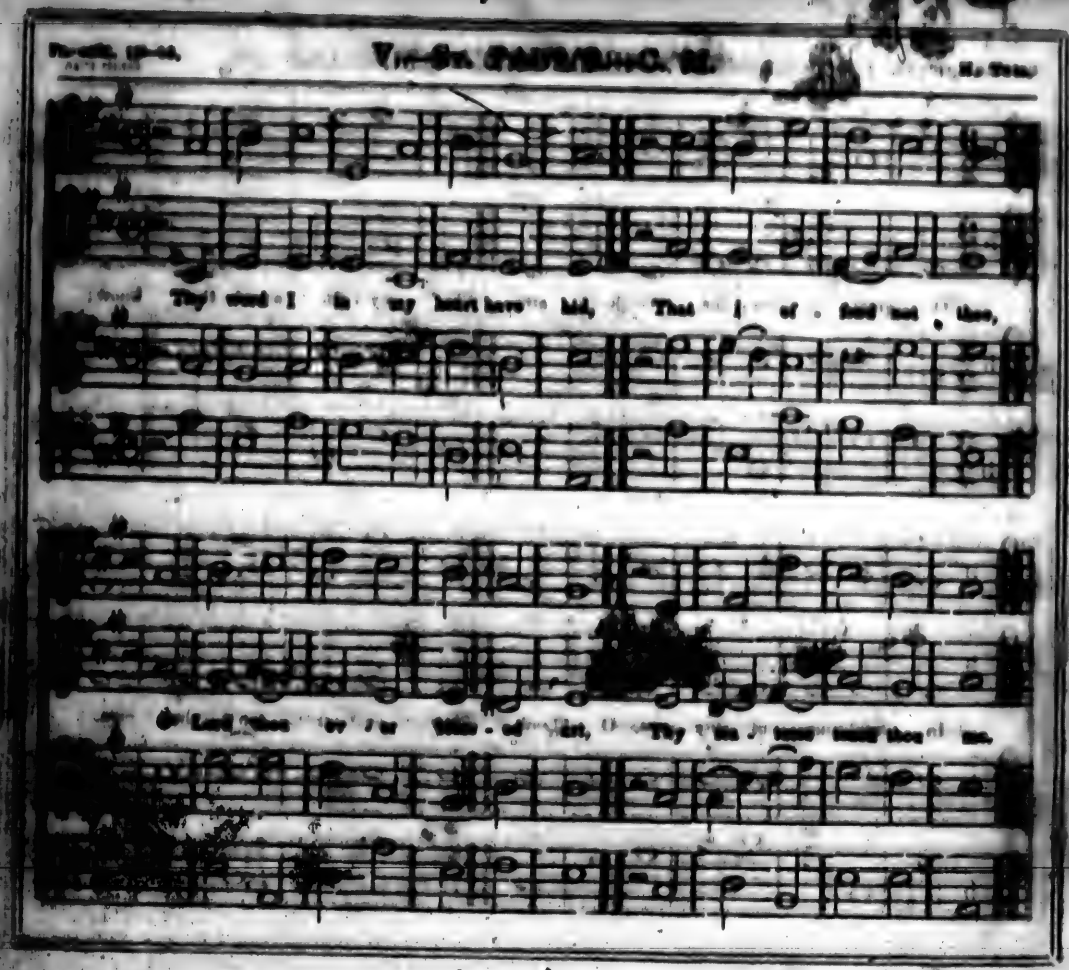
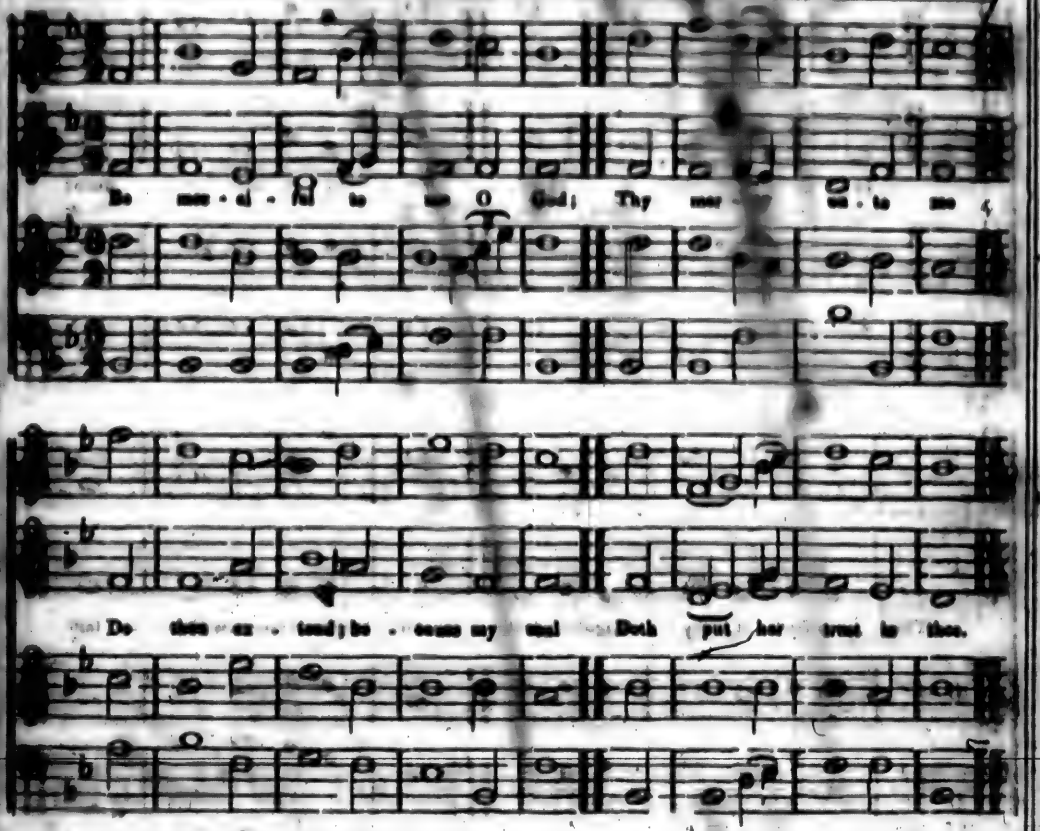


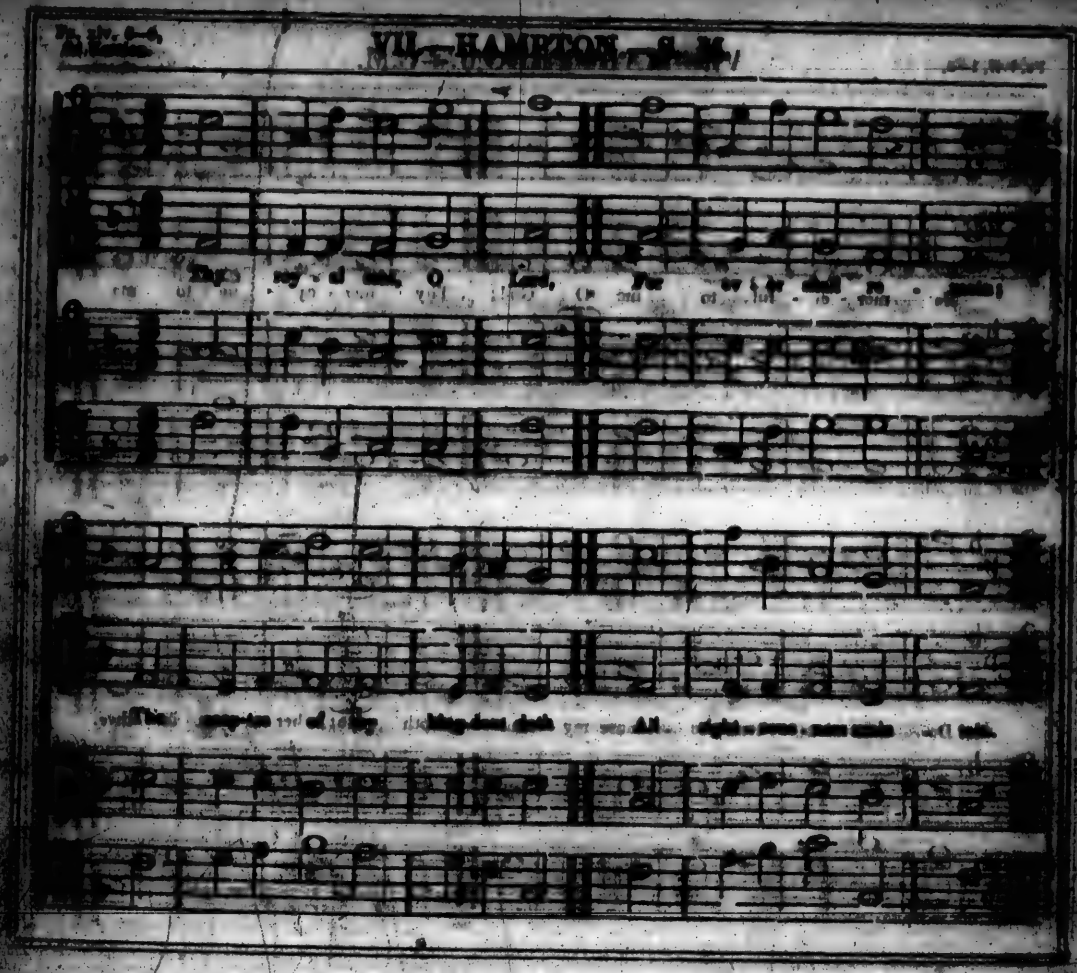

Ev'n that same Lord that great in might and strong in bat - tle is
At the commencement of the Second Stanza of the next verse, the following variation is necessary.
But who is he that is the King, The King of glo - ry, who is this:


ST. GEORGE'S EDINBURGH. Continued.
Ha - le - lu - iah, Ha - le - lu - iah, Hal - le - lu - iah,
Ha - le - lu - iah, Hal - le - lu - iah, A - men, A - men, A - men.


O great-ly blest the peo-ple are, The joy-ful sound that know;
In bright-ness of thy face, O Lord, They ev-er on shall go.


Thy word I in my heart have hid, That I of God not thee,
O Lord, thou art my Shepherd, Thy love must thee me.


Be mer-ci-ful to me O God; Thy mer- cy to me
Do then ex-tend; be-cause my soul Doth put her trust in thee.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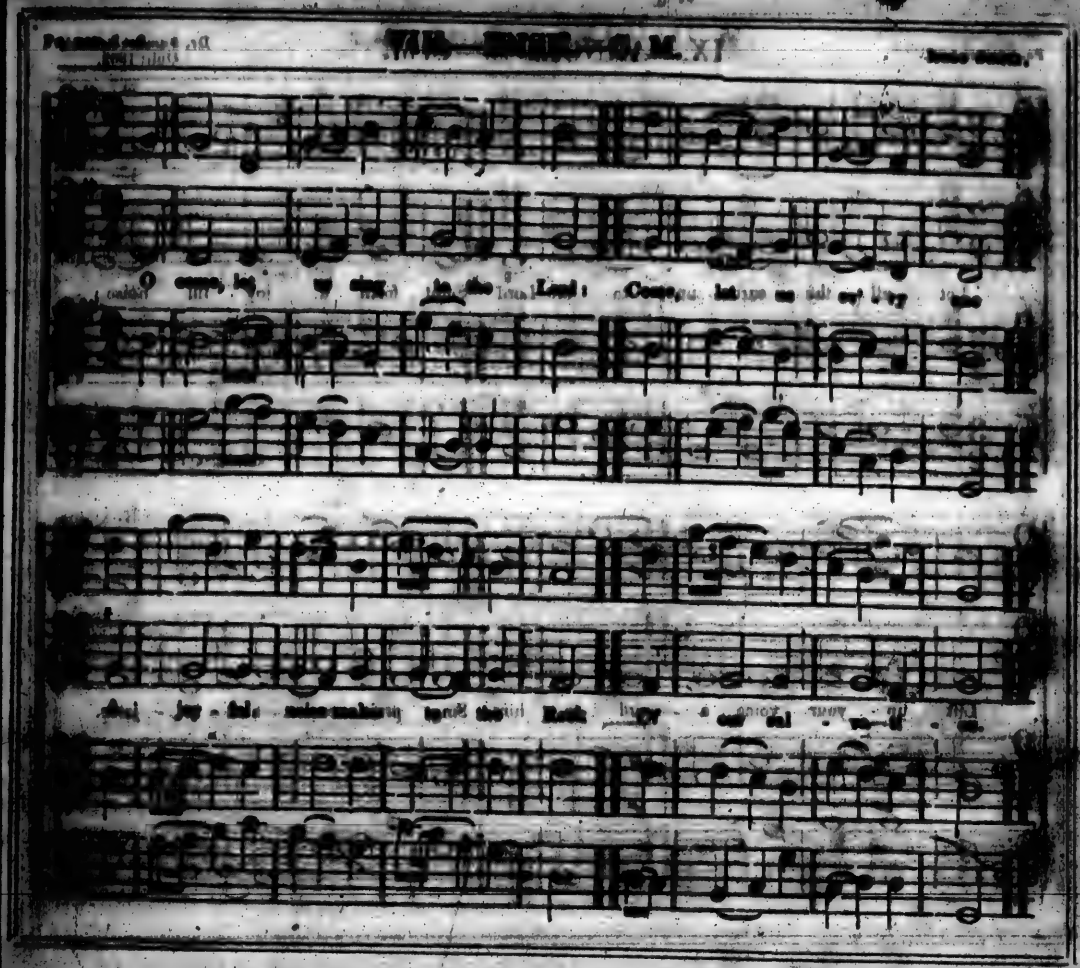

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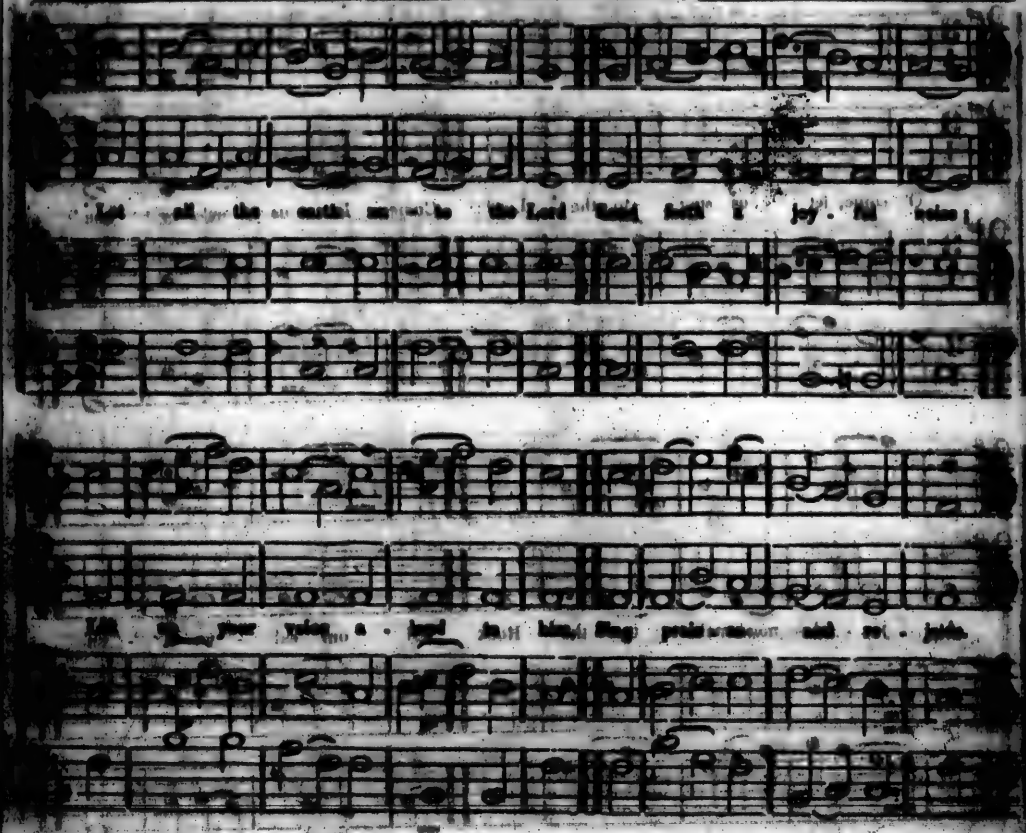

Ps. ciii. 1–4.

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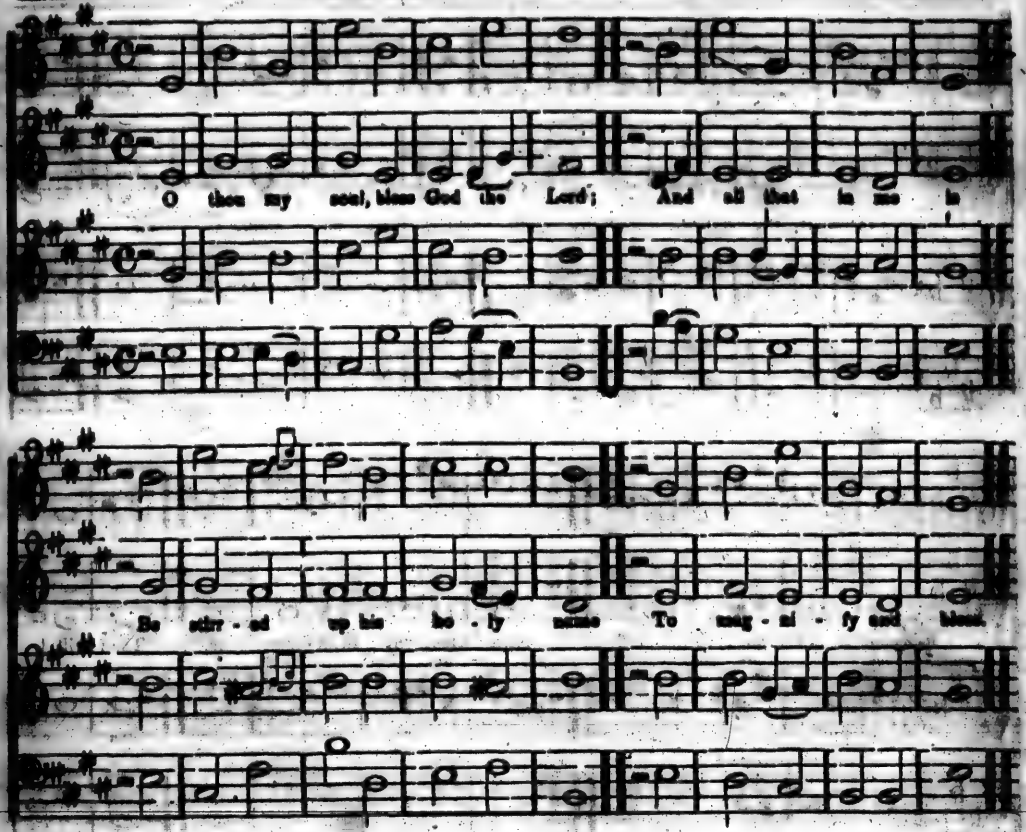
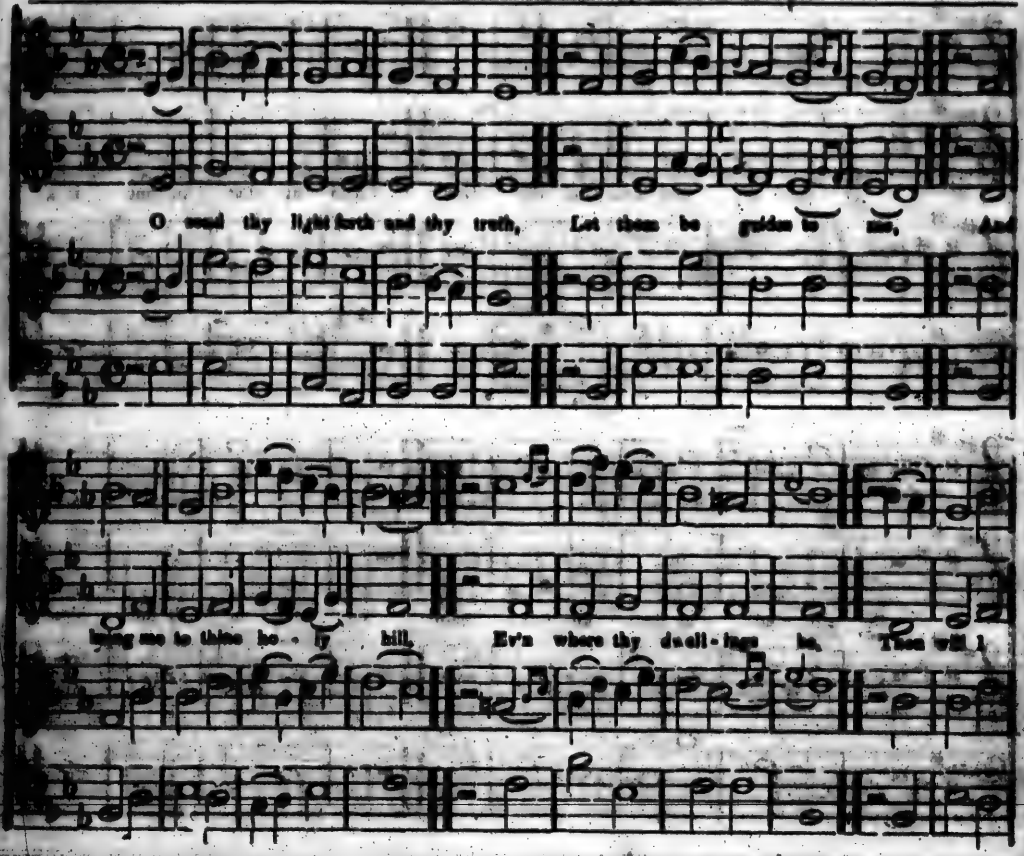
John Knox's Psalms, Edinburgh, 1635.




O send thy light forth and thy truth, Let them be guides to me, And
bring me to thine ho - ly hill, Ev'n where thy dwell-ings be. Then will I

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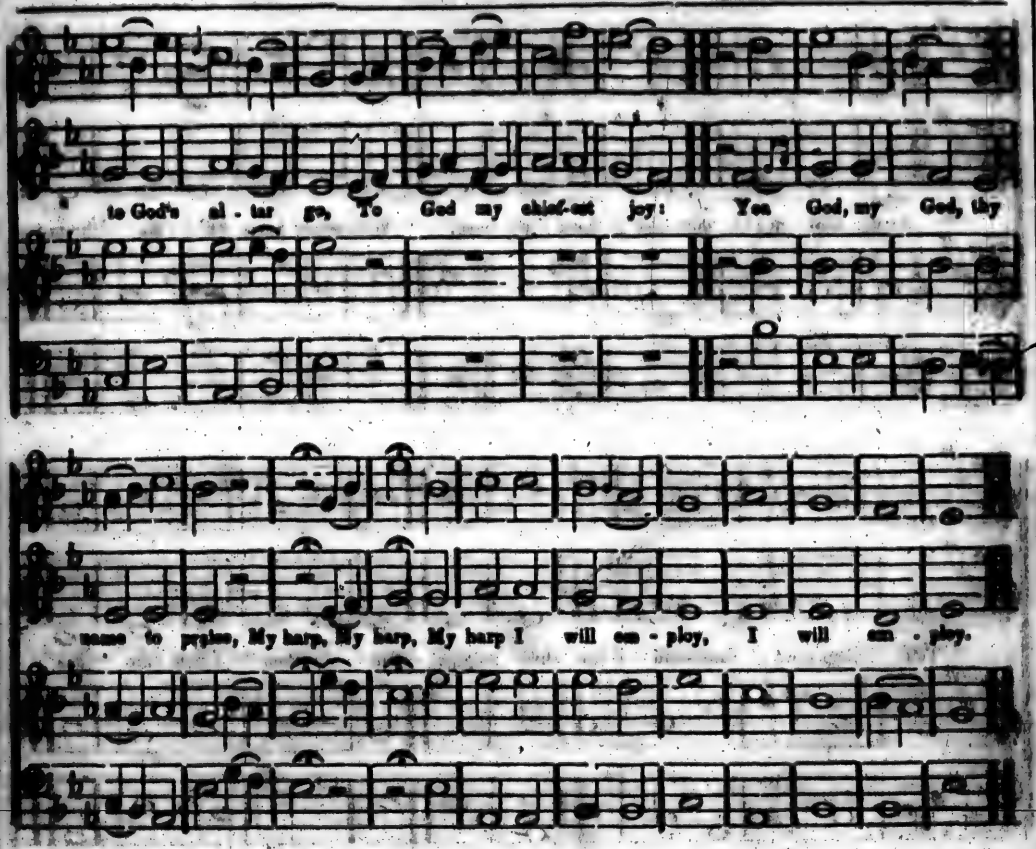

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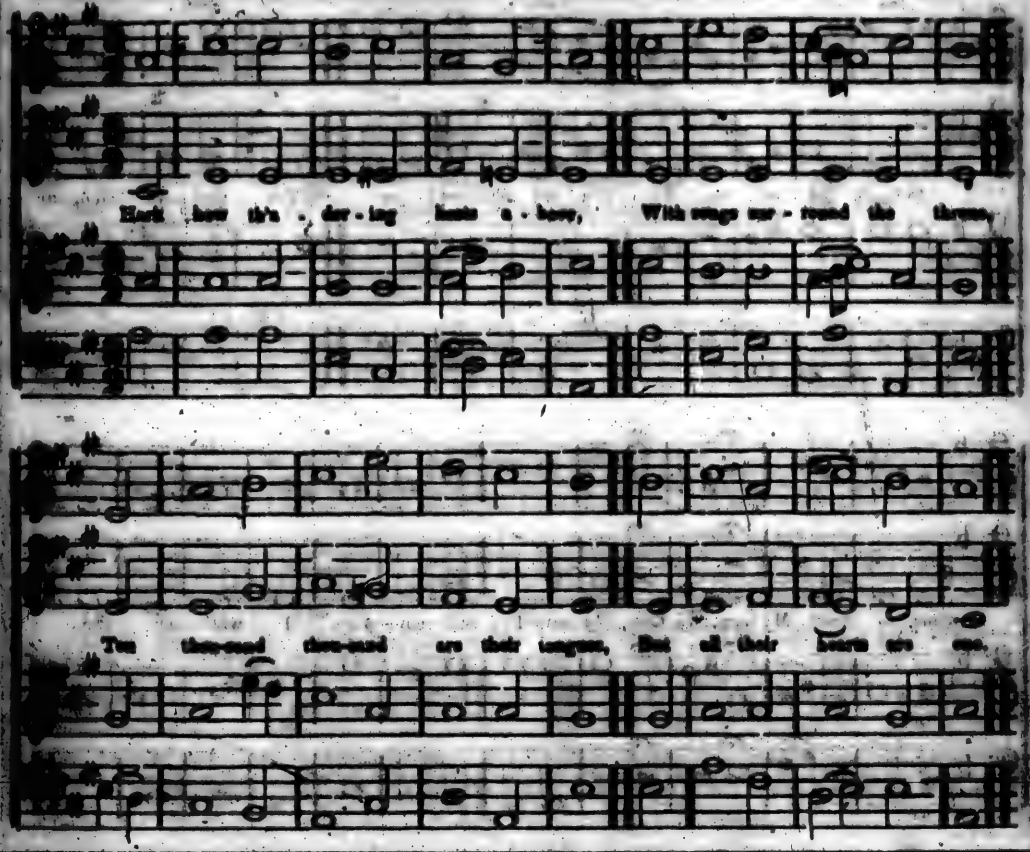
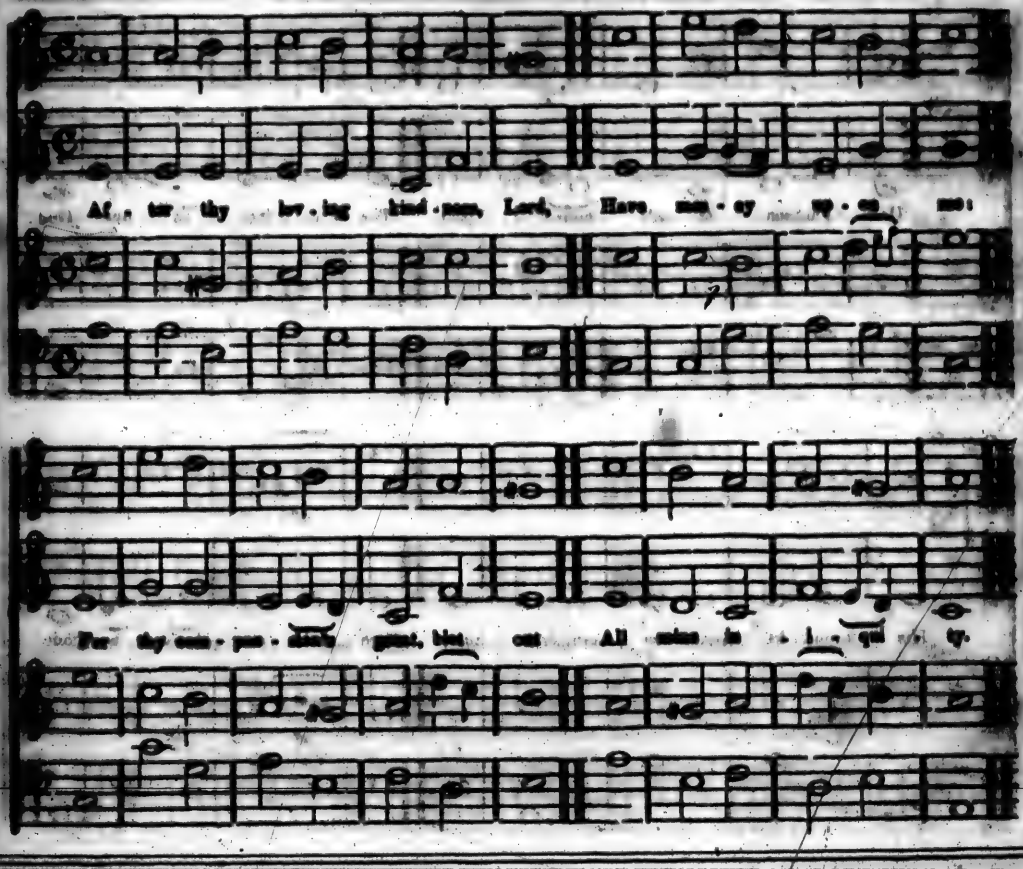
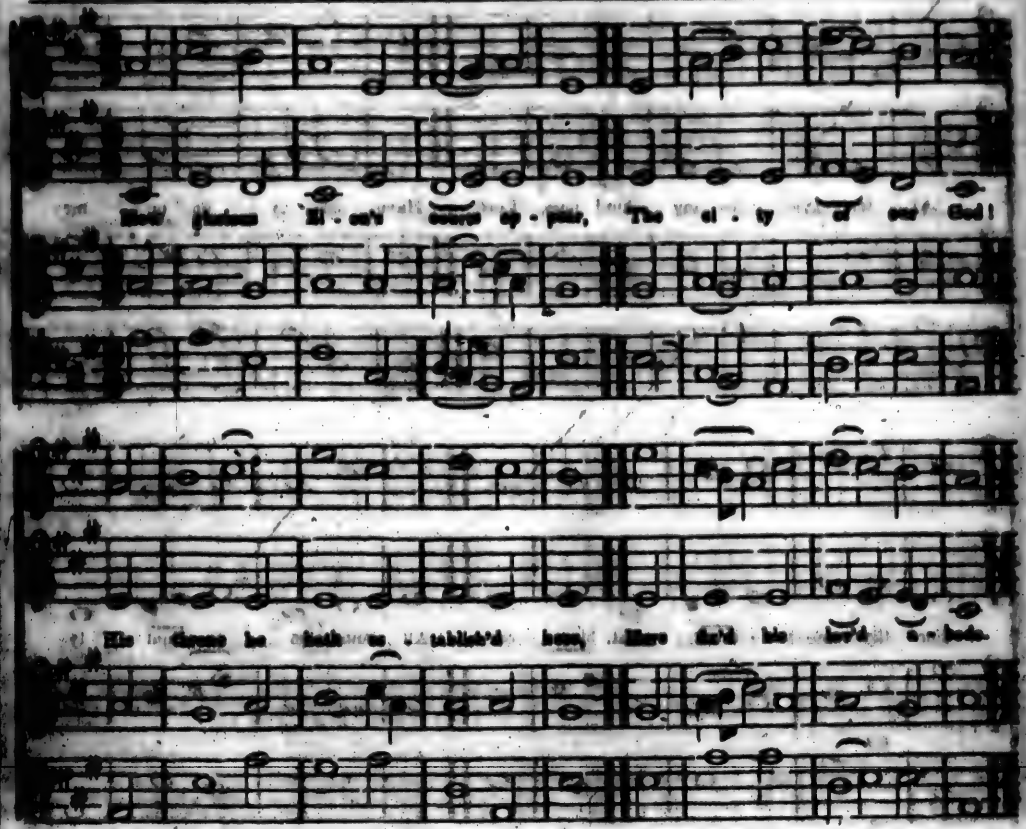
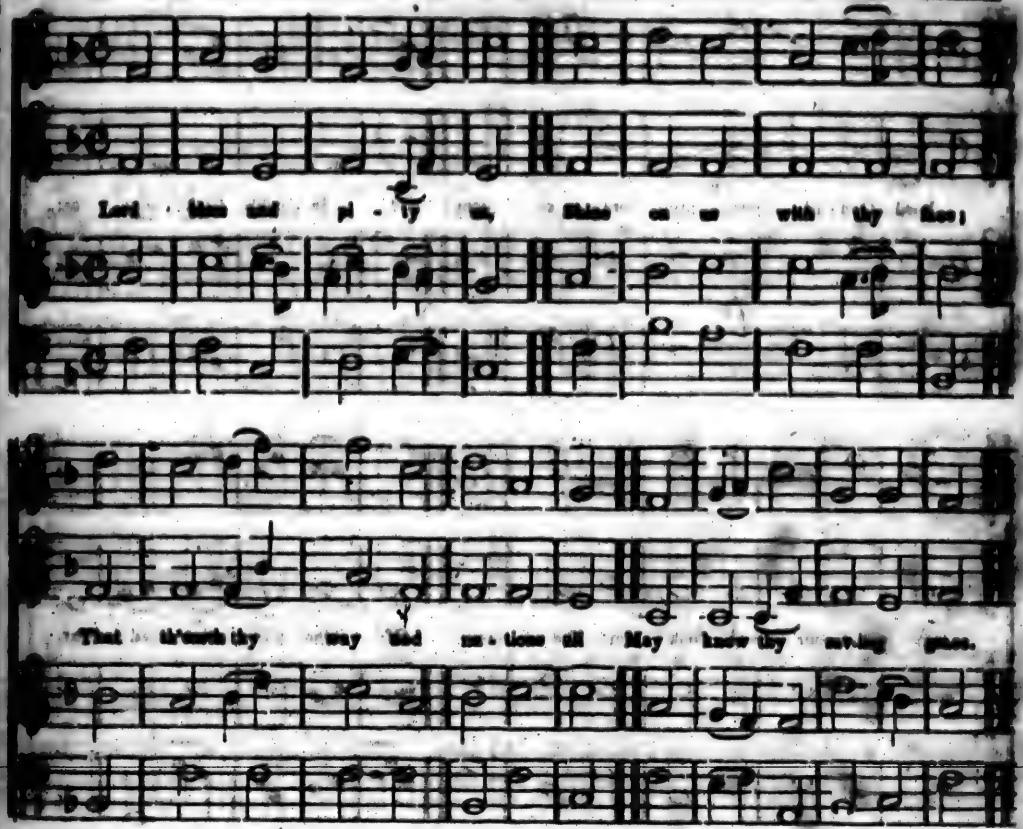



Af - ter thy lov - ing kind - ness, Lord, Have mer - cy up - on me:
For thy com - pas - sions great, blot out All mine in - i - qui - ty.


Hark! Heaven & Earth open, The city of our God!
His throne he hath established here, Here dwell his loved abode.


Lord, thou our pi - ty us, Shine on us with thy face;
That through thy way our na - tions all May know thy saving grace.

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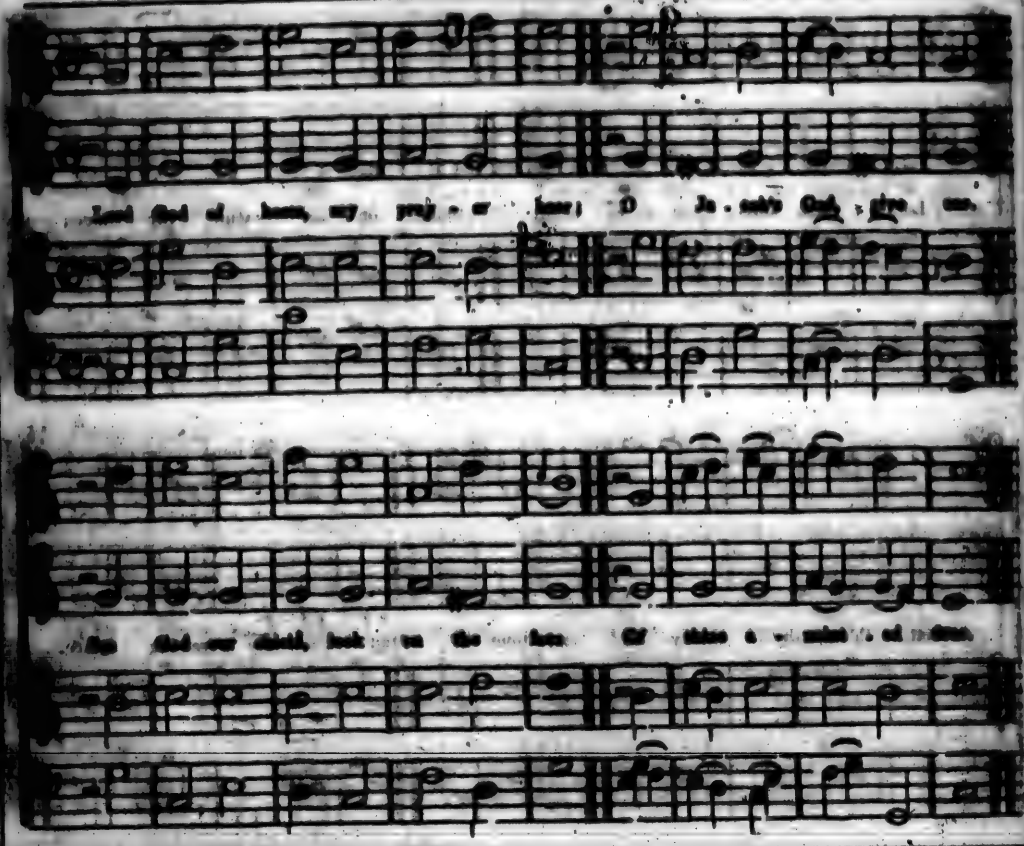
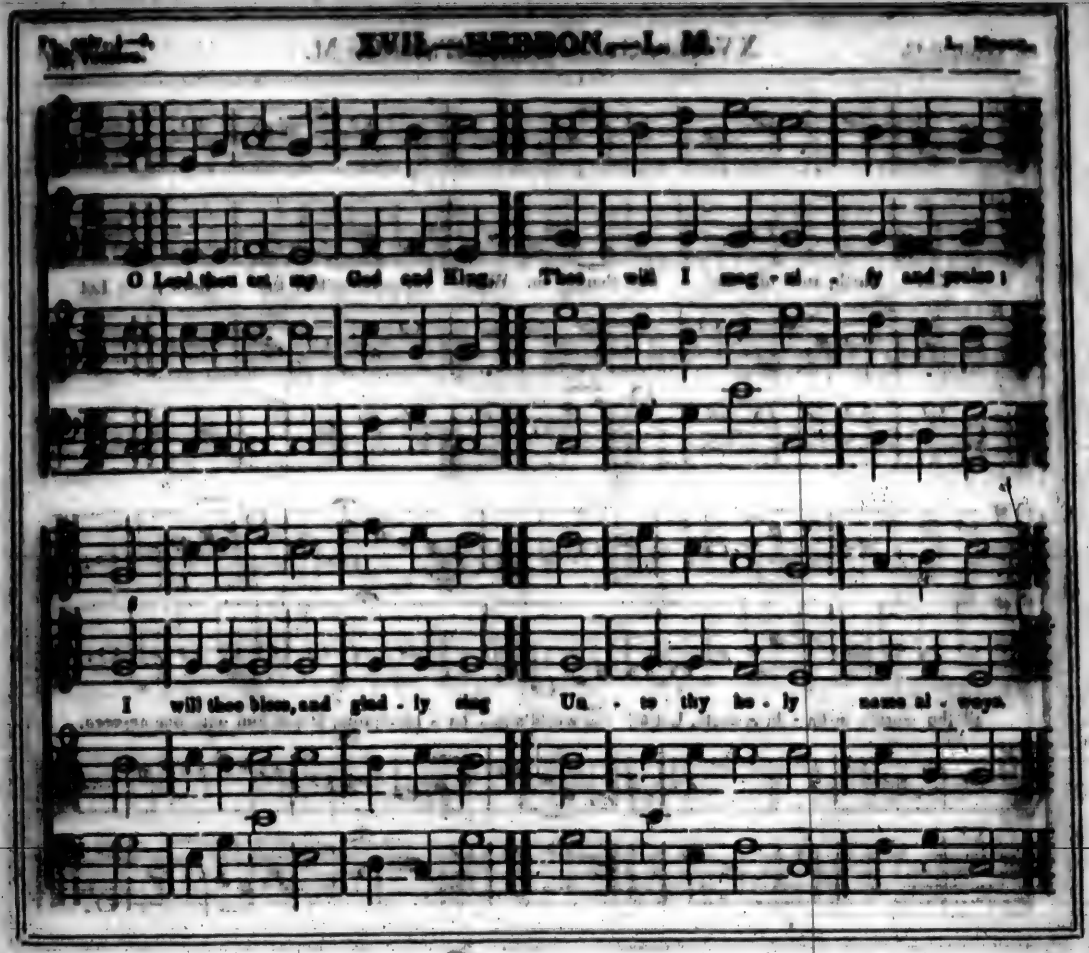
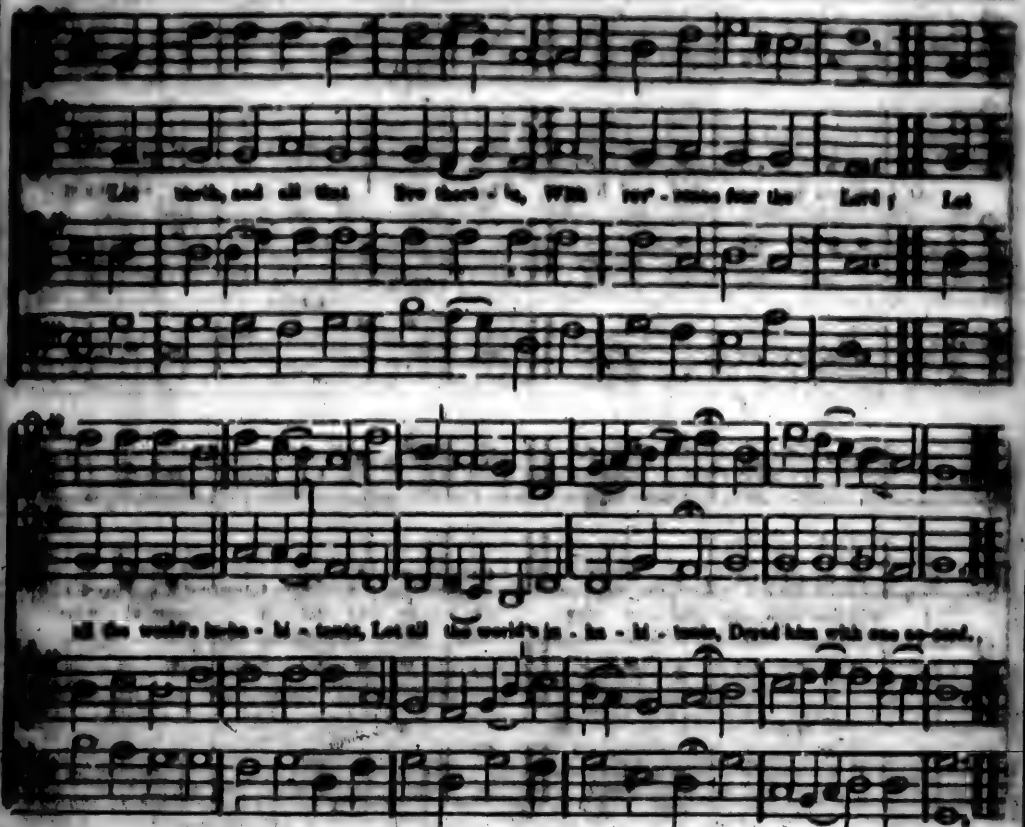
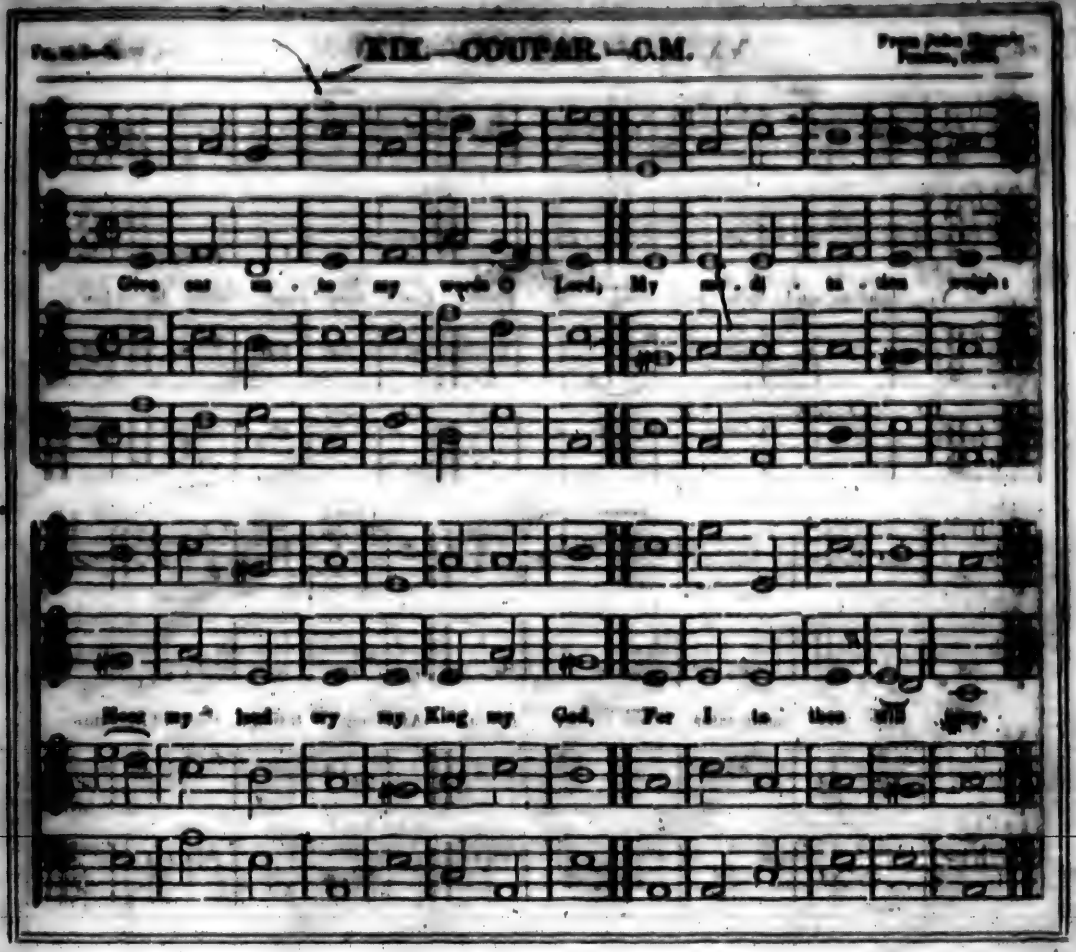



XVII.—HEBRON. L. M.
O Lord, thou art my God and King, Thee will I mag - ni - fy and praise;
I will thee bless, and glad - ly sing Un - to thy ho - ly name al - ways.


All the world's lyre - bi - tants, Let all the world's in - ha - bi - tants, Devoutly with one accord,


KIL—COUPAR.—C.M.
Give ear to my words O Lord, My meditation
Hear my loud cry my King my God, For I to thee will pray.

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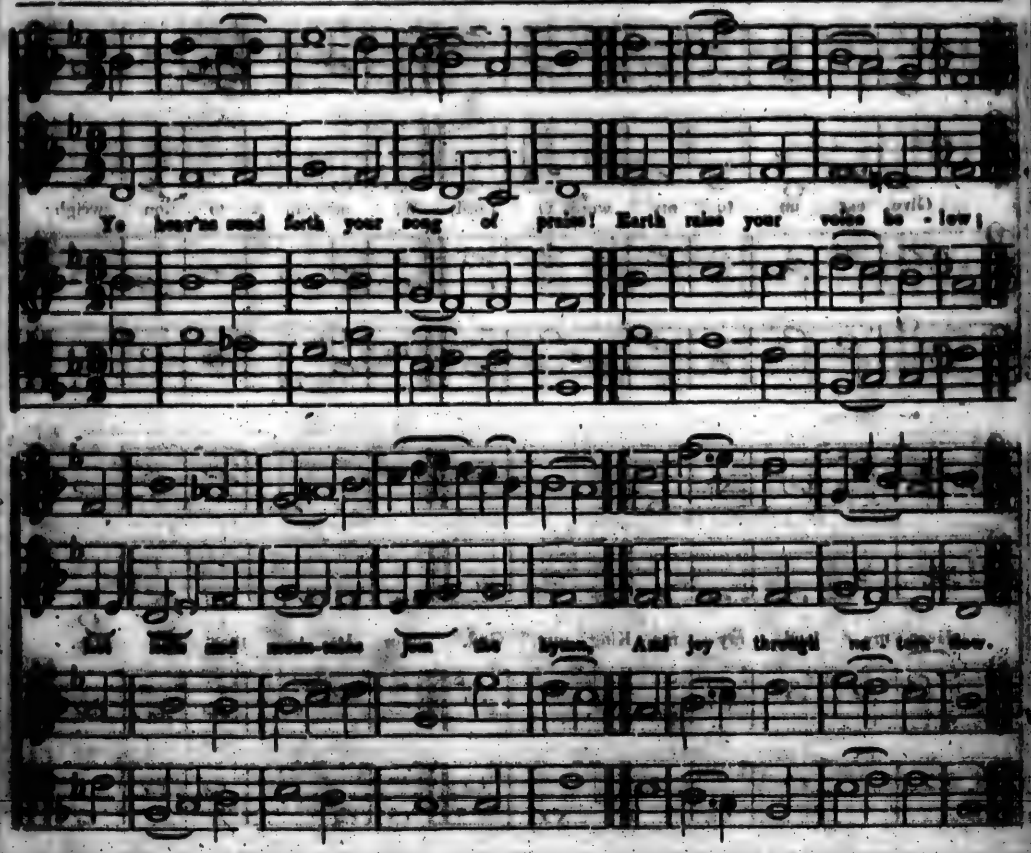

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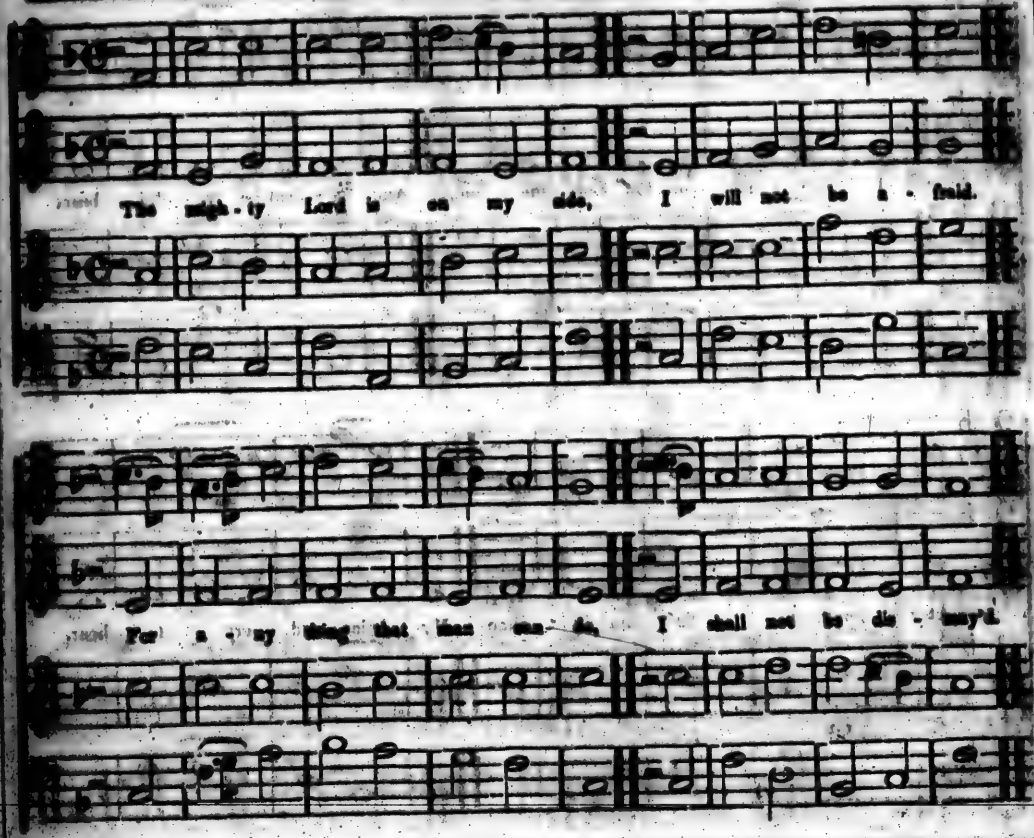

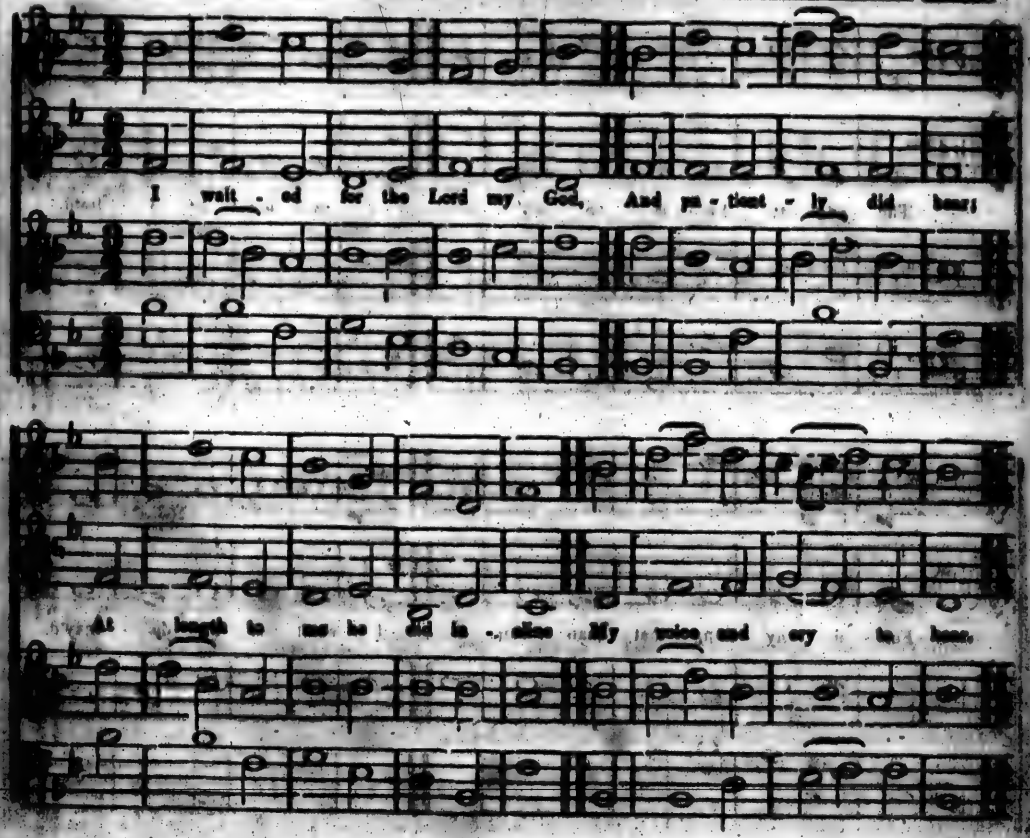
I wait - ed for the Lord my God, And pa - tient - ly did hear;
At length to me he did in - cline My voice and cry to hear.

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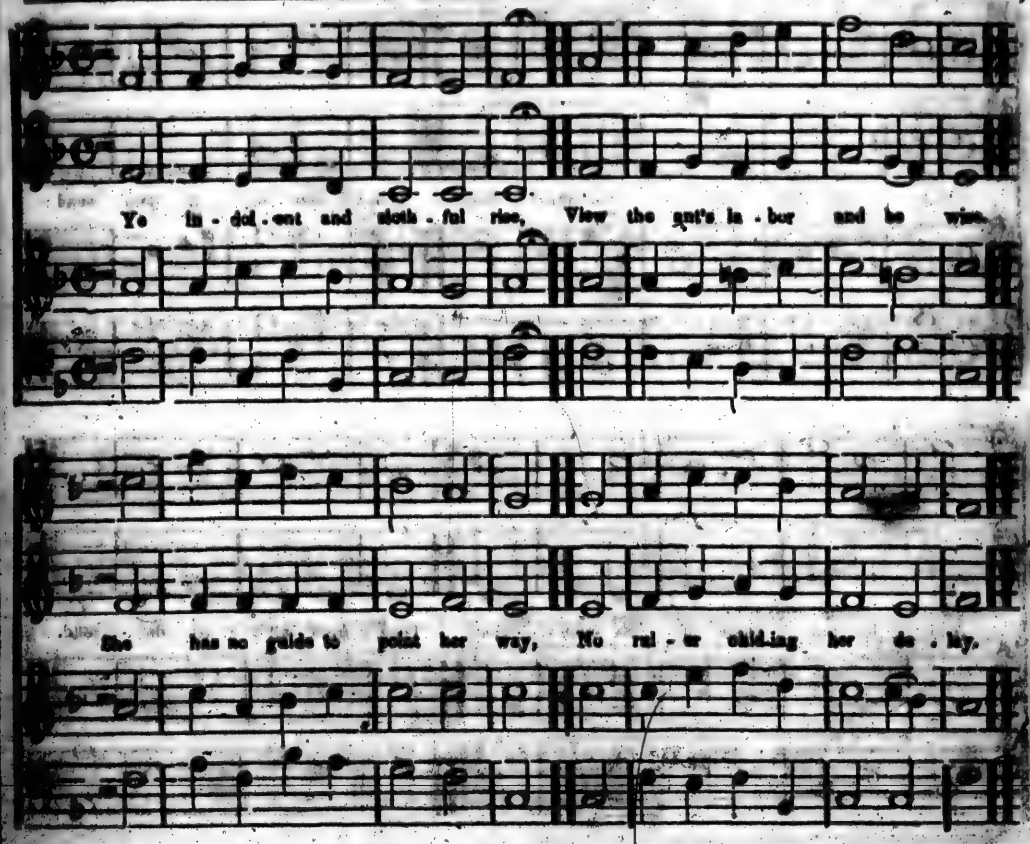

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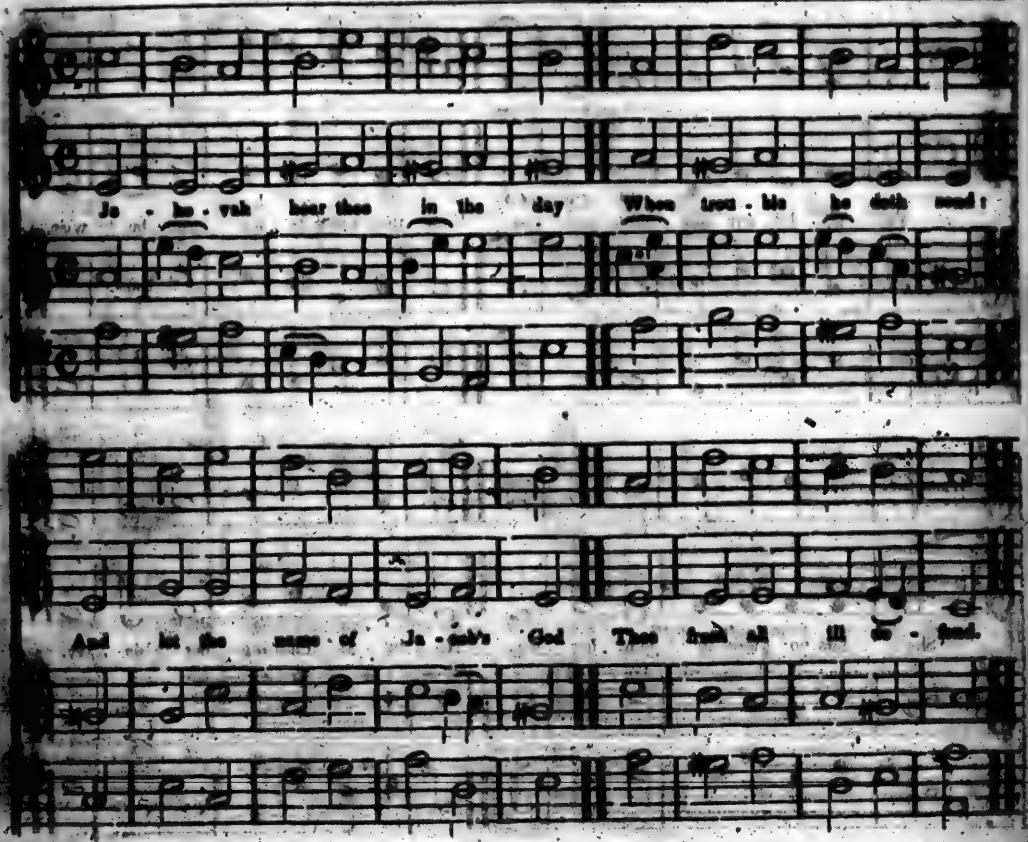

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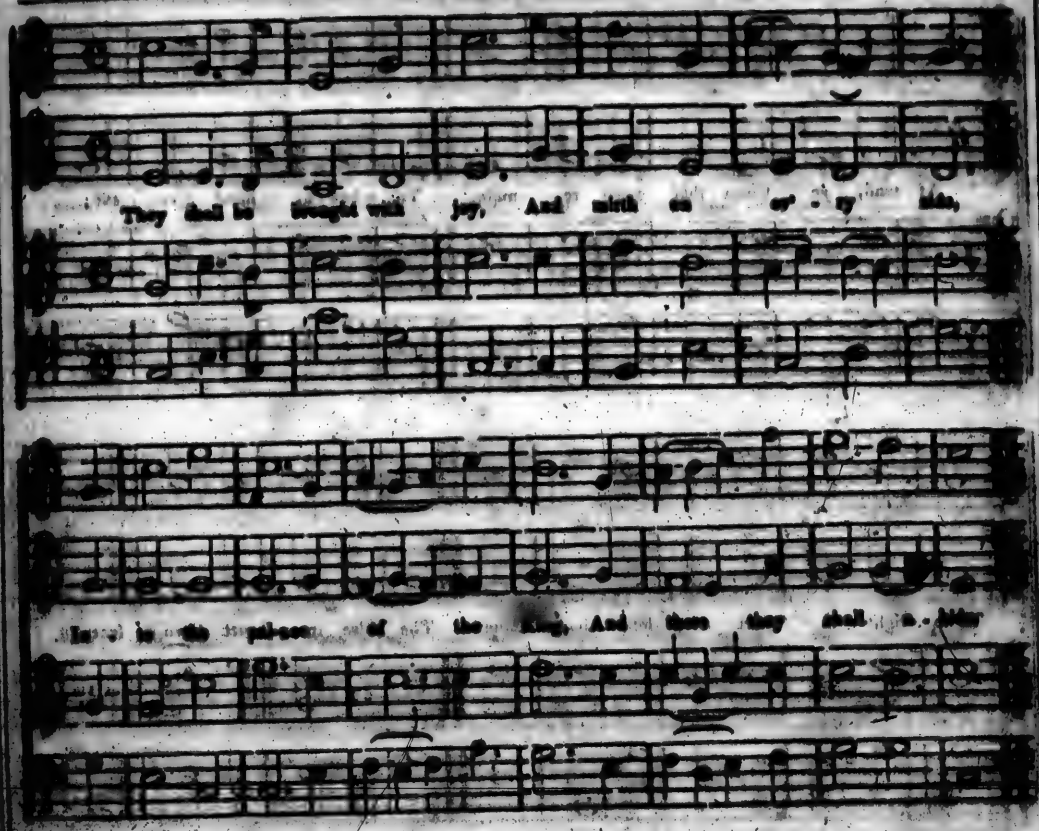
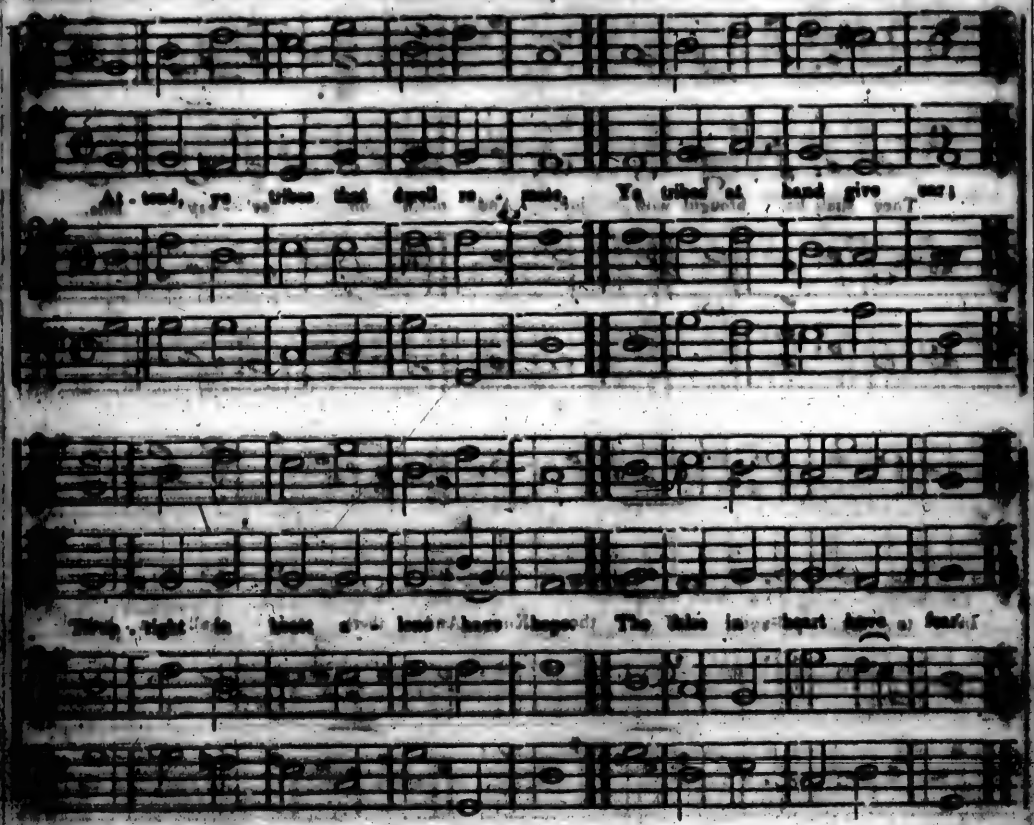
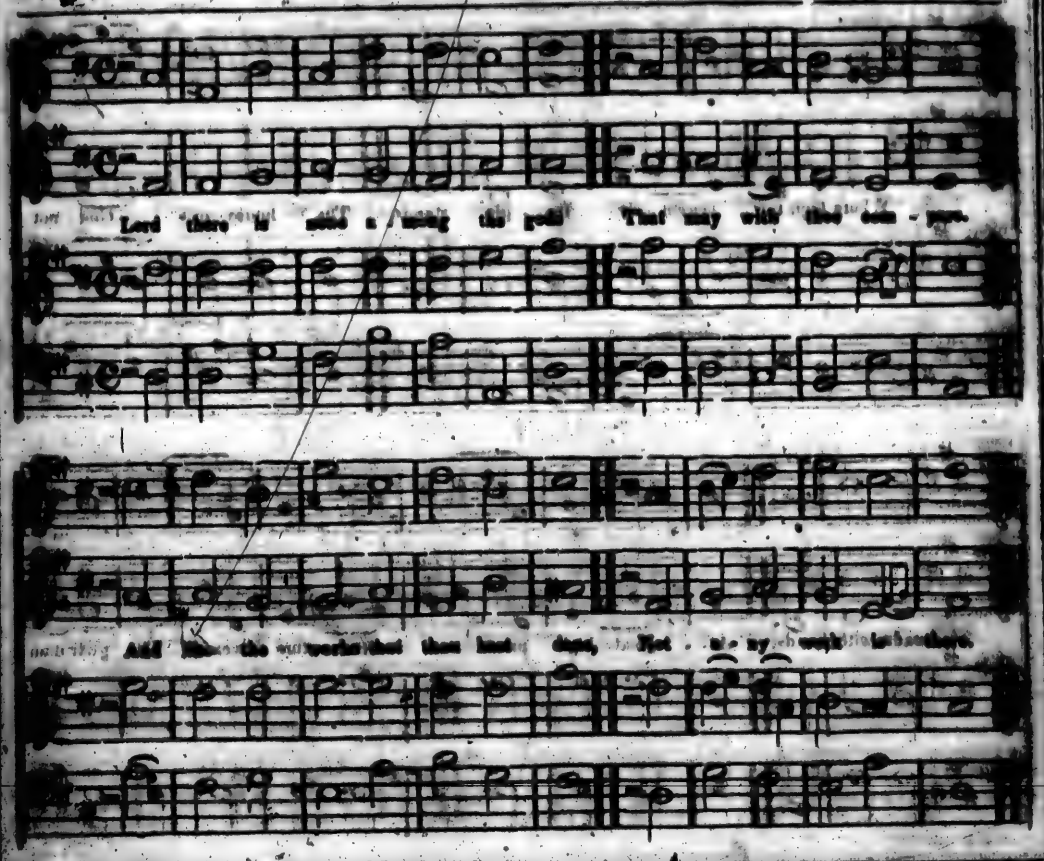
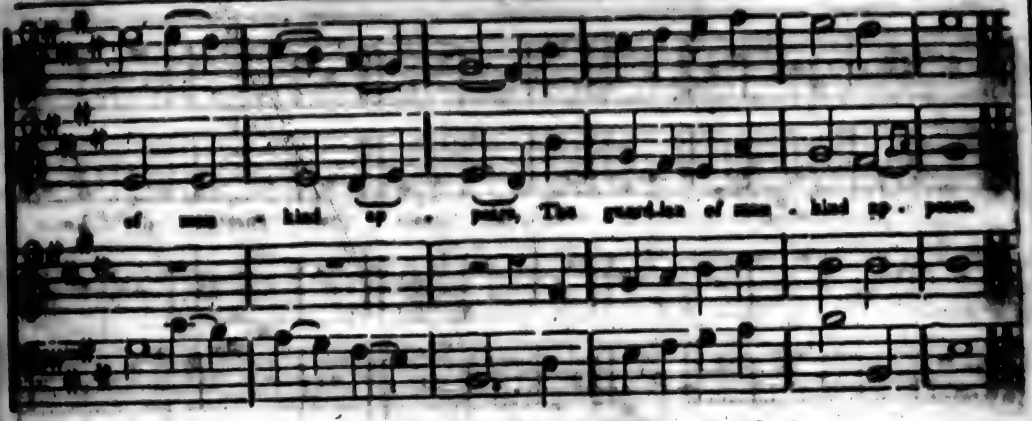



Ad - mod, ye tribes that dwell on earth, Ye tribes of land give ear;
Their right in hast and hope Thy This in heart have found


Lord thou hast said a - mong the gods That may with thee com - pare.
All the works that thou hast done, Yet

Where high the heav'nly tem-ple stands, The house of God not



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XXIX.—PAISLEY ABBEY.—C. M.

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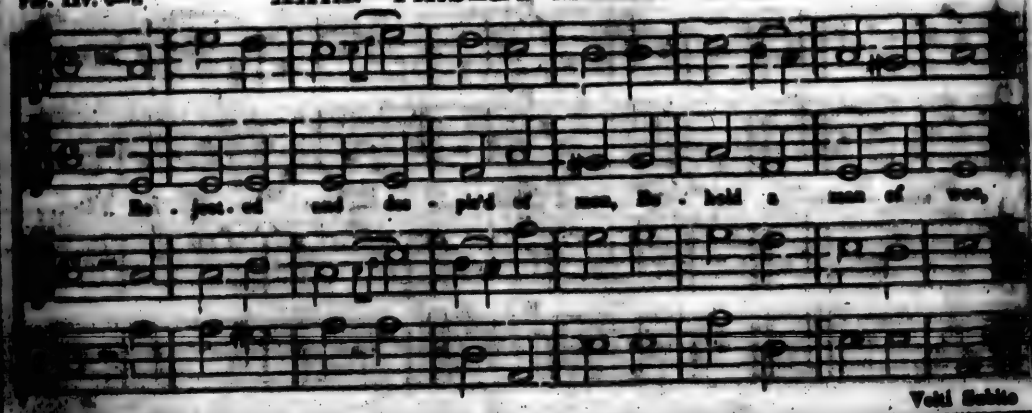

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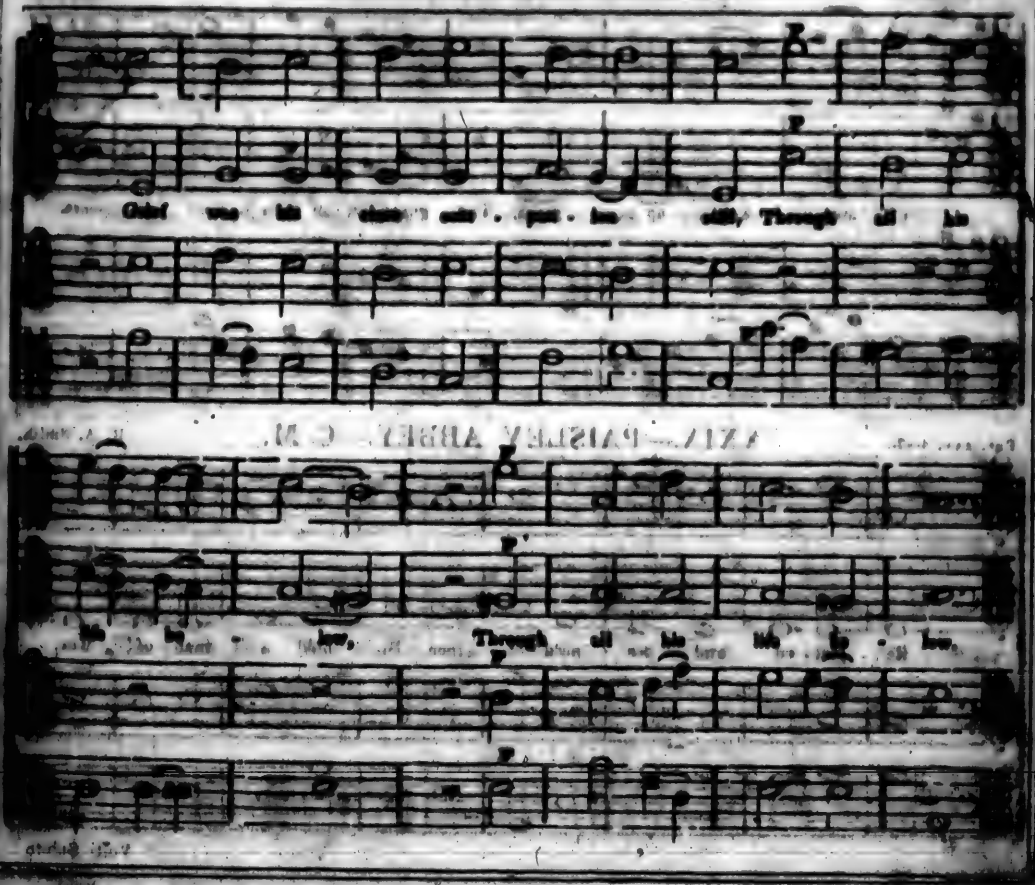
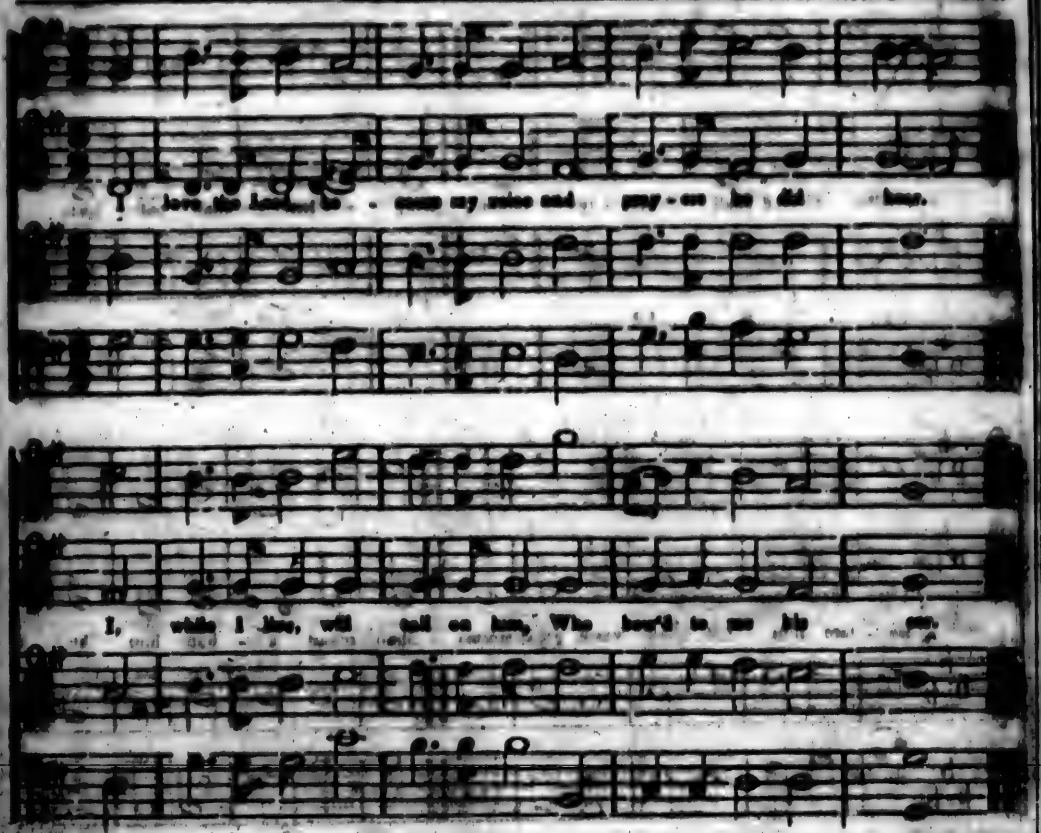
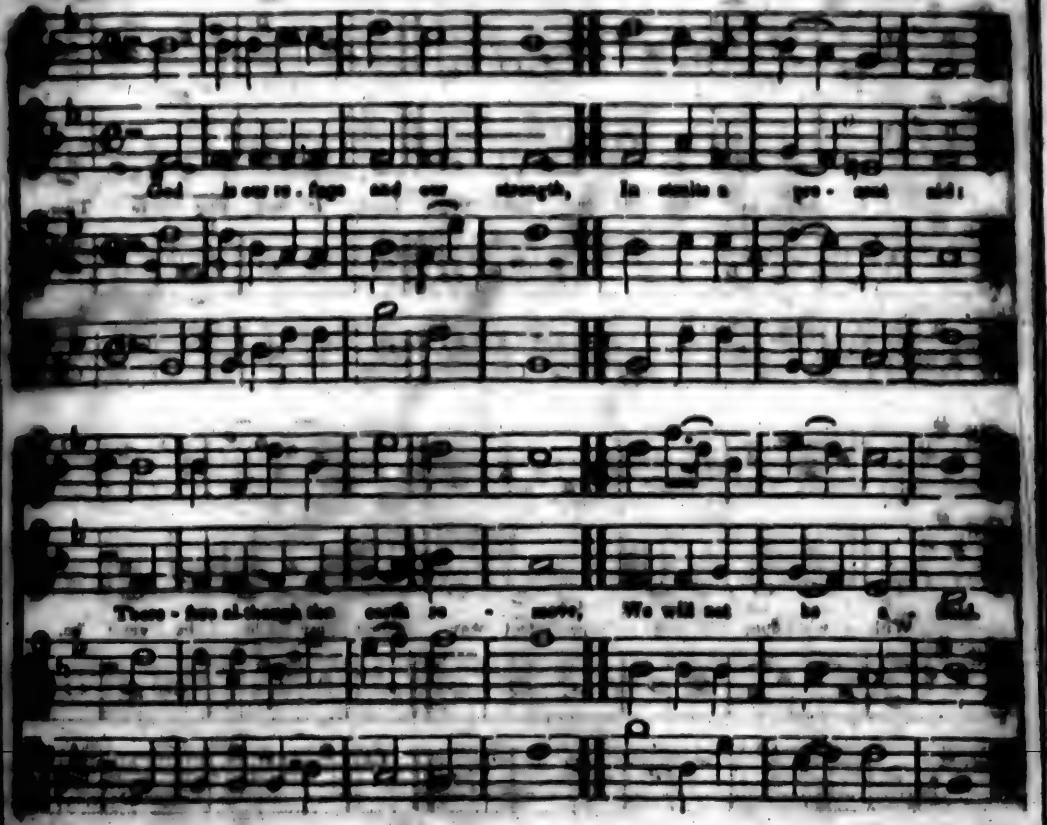
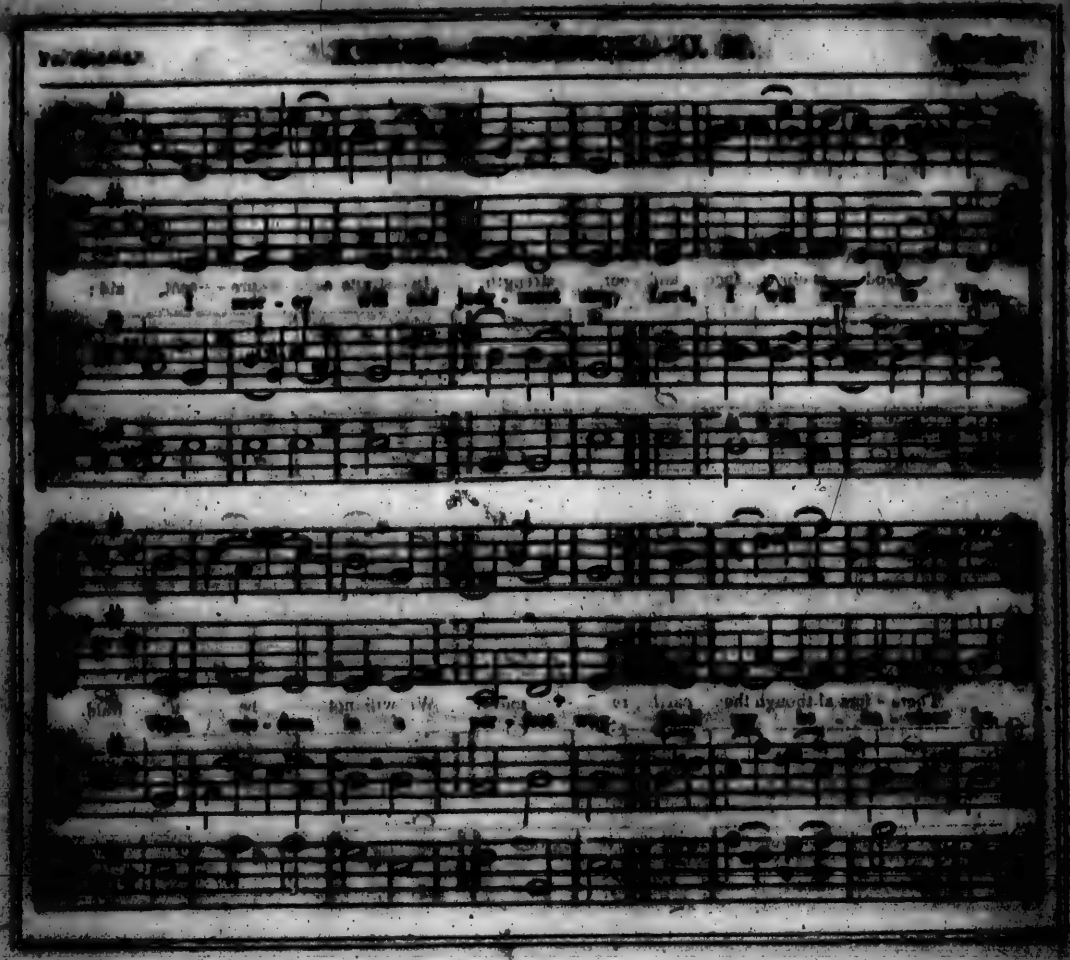
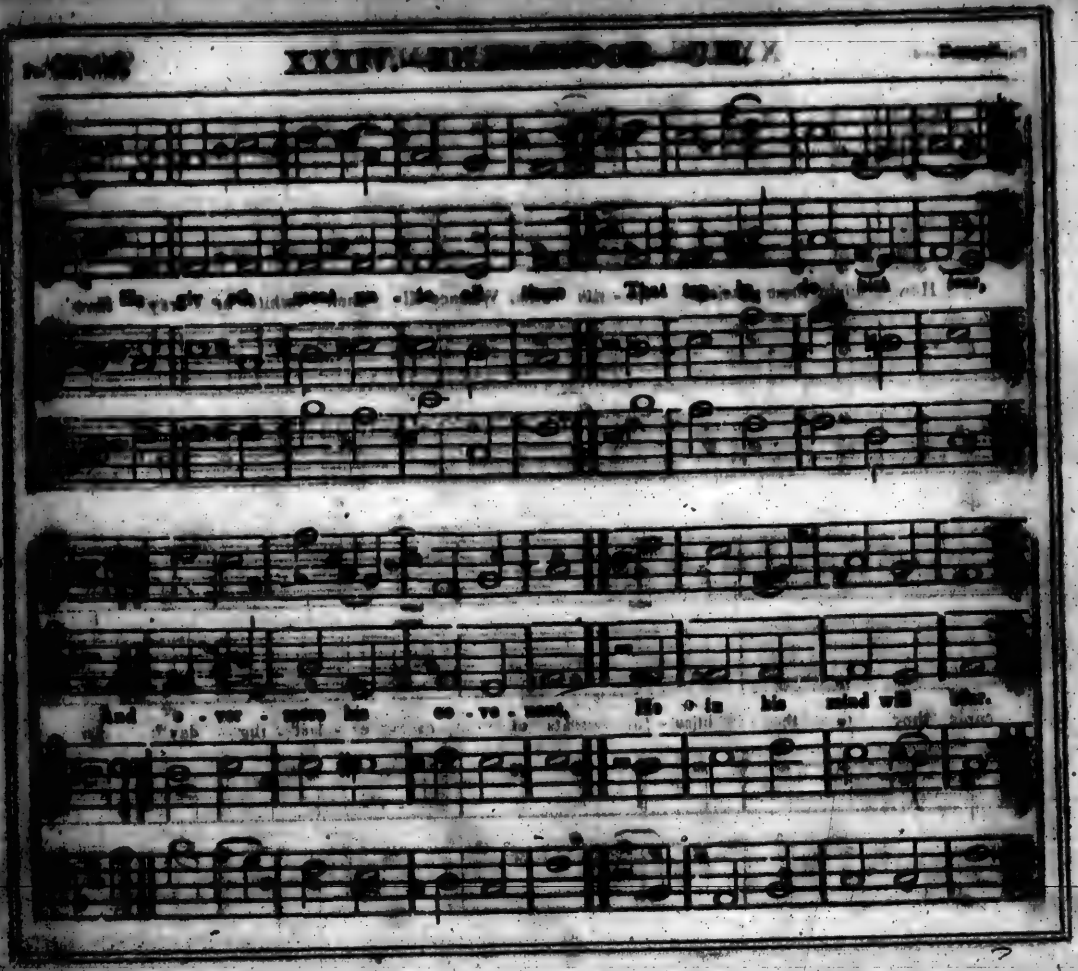
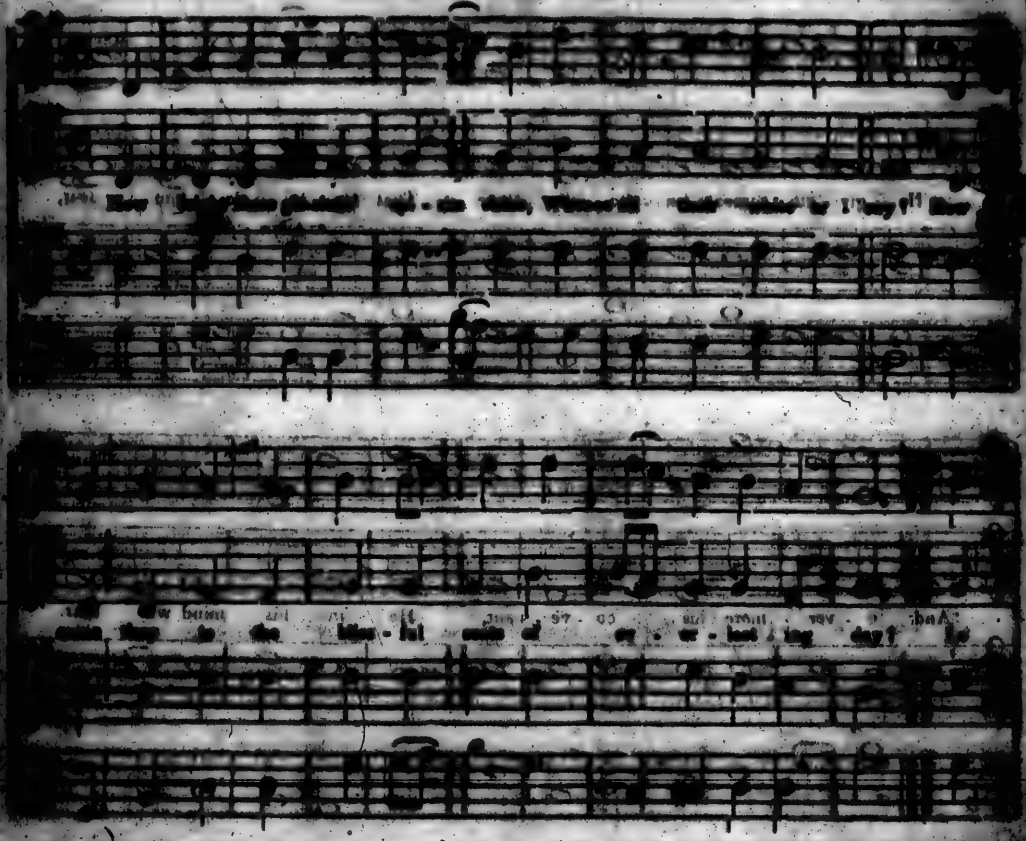

God was in Christ reconciling, Through all his life and love,
Through all his life and love.

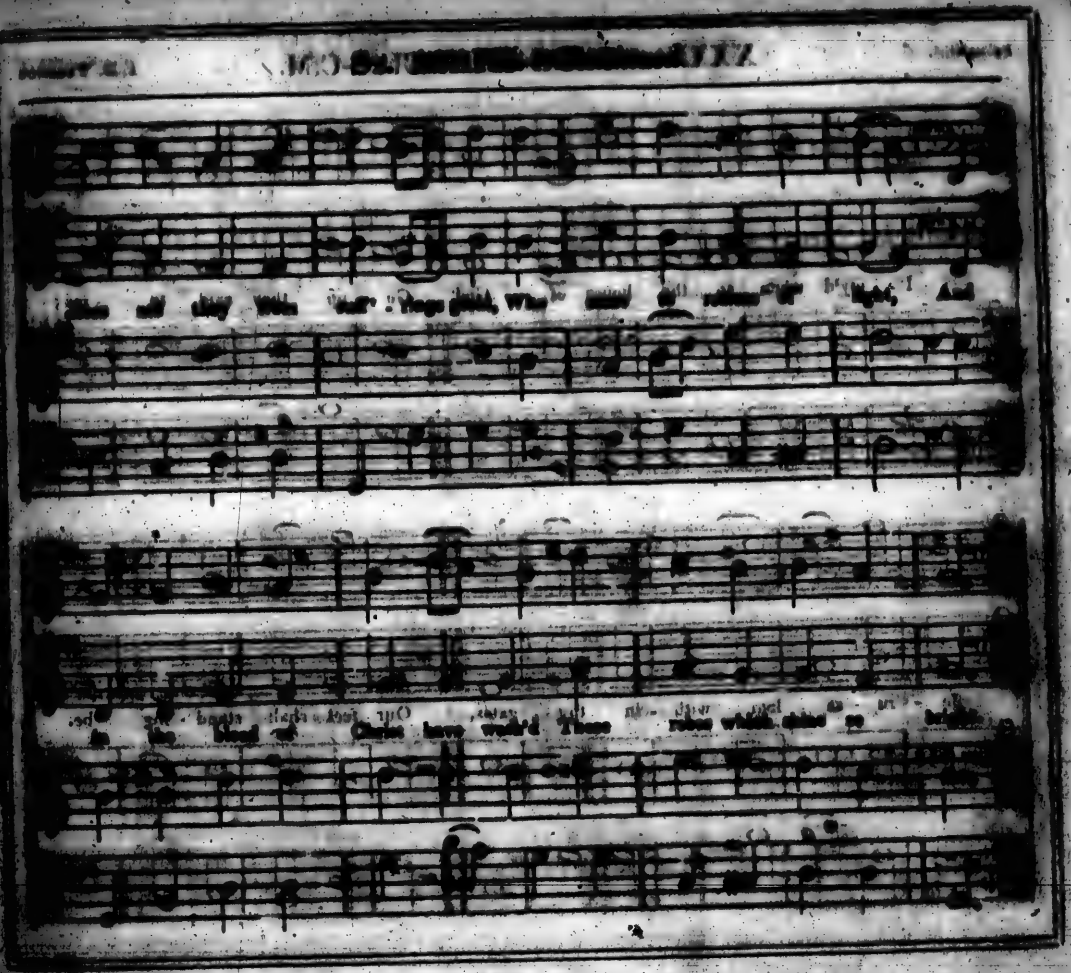

I love the Lord, he
I, while I live, will

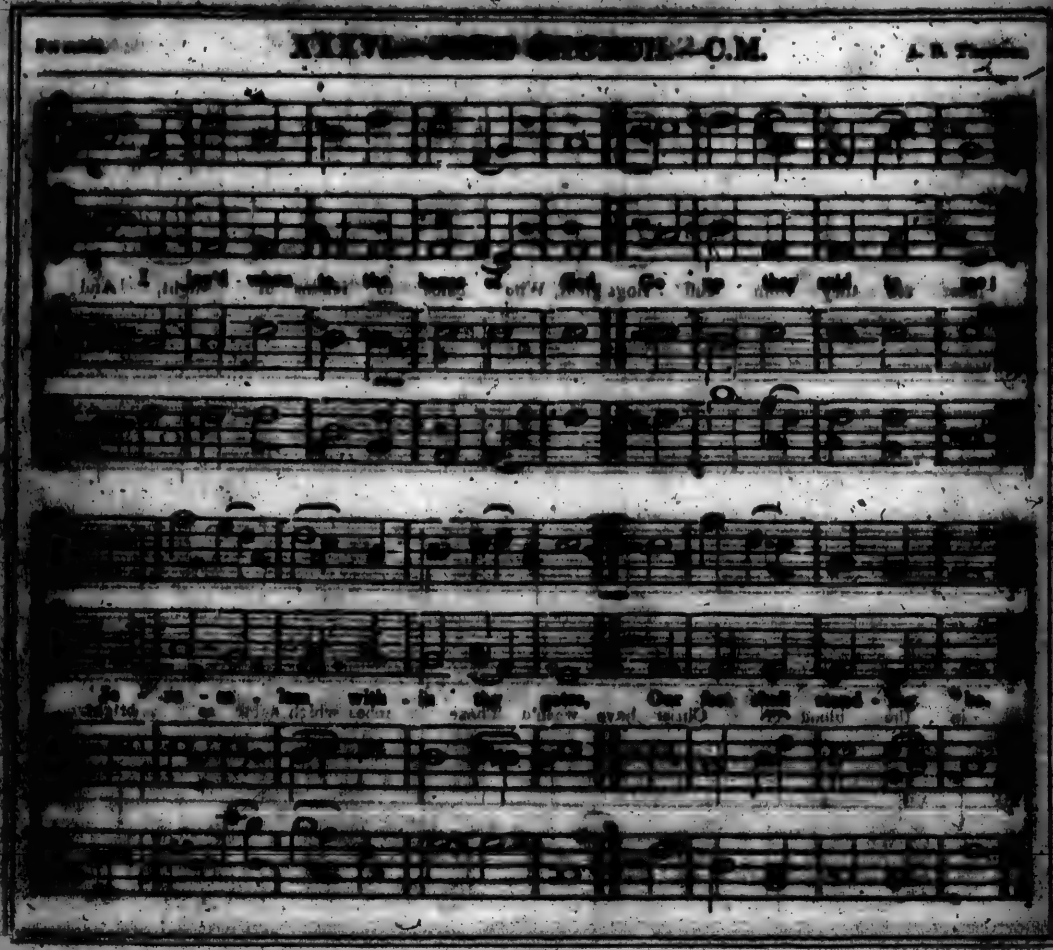

God is our re - fuge and our strength, In straits a pre - sent aid:
There - fore al - though the earth re - move; We will not be afr

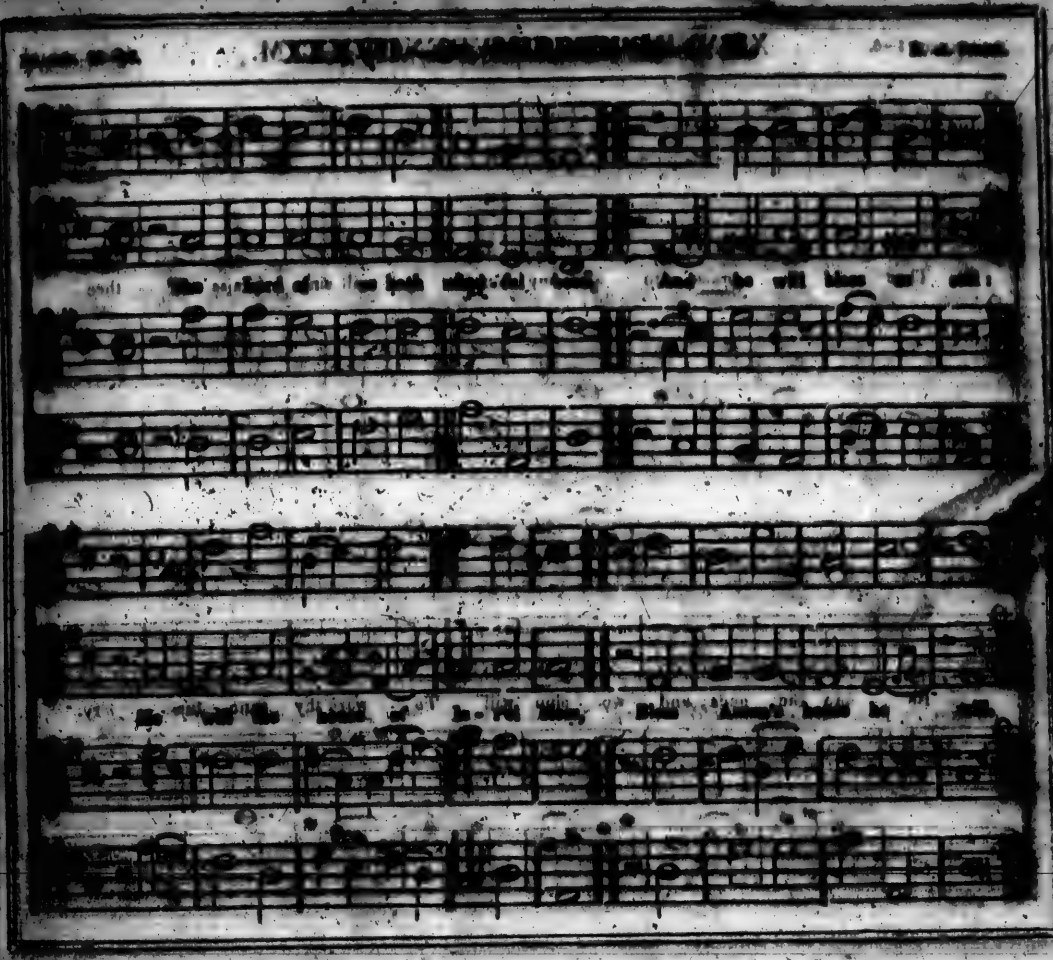


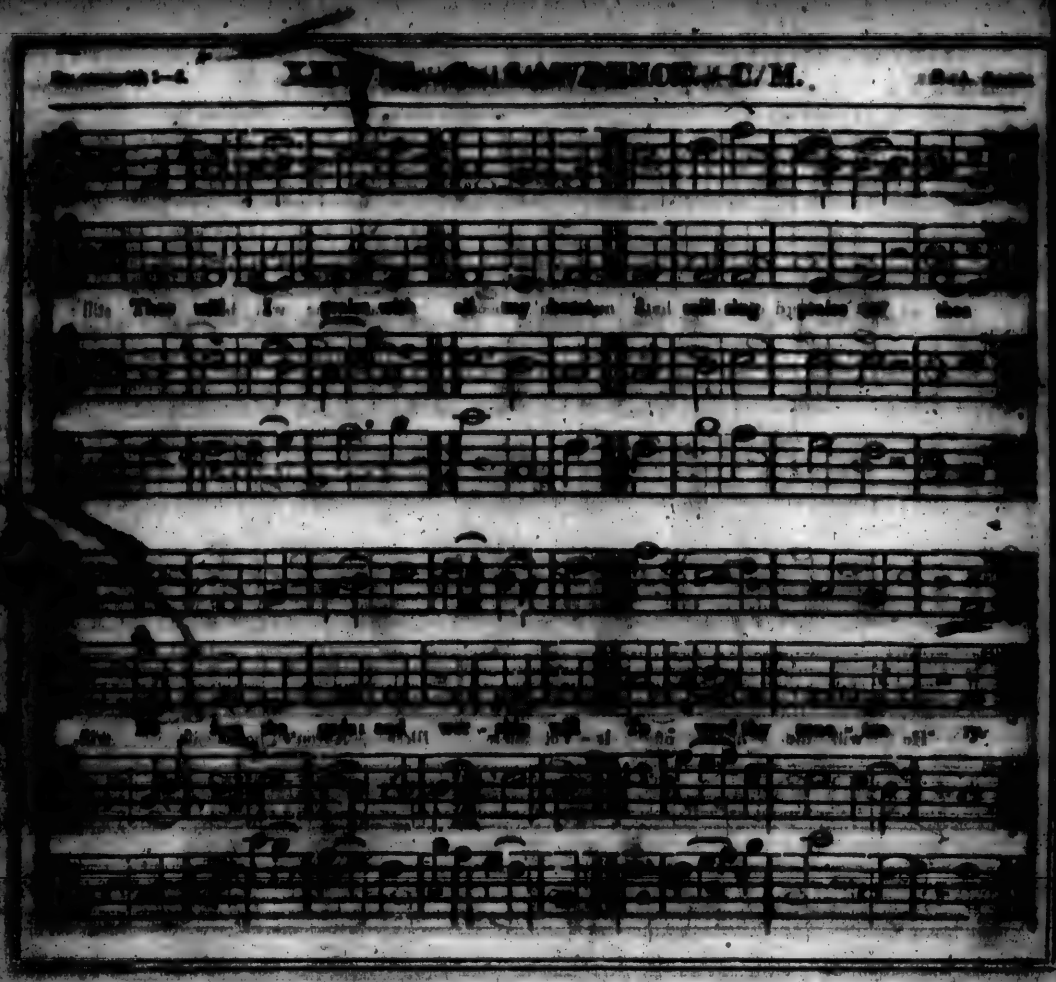


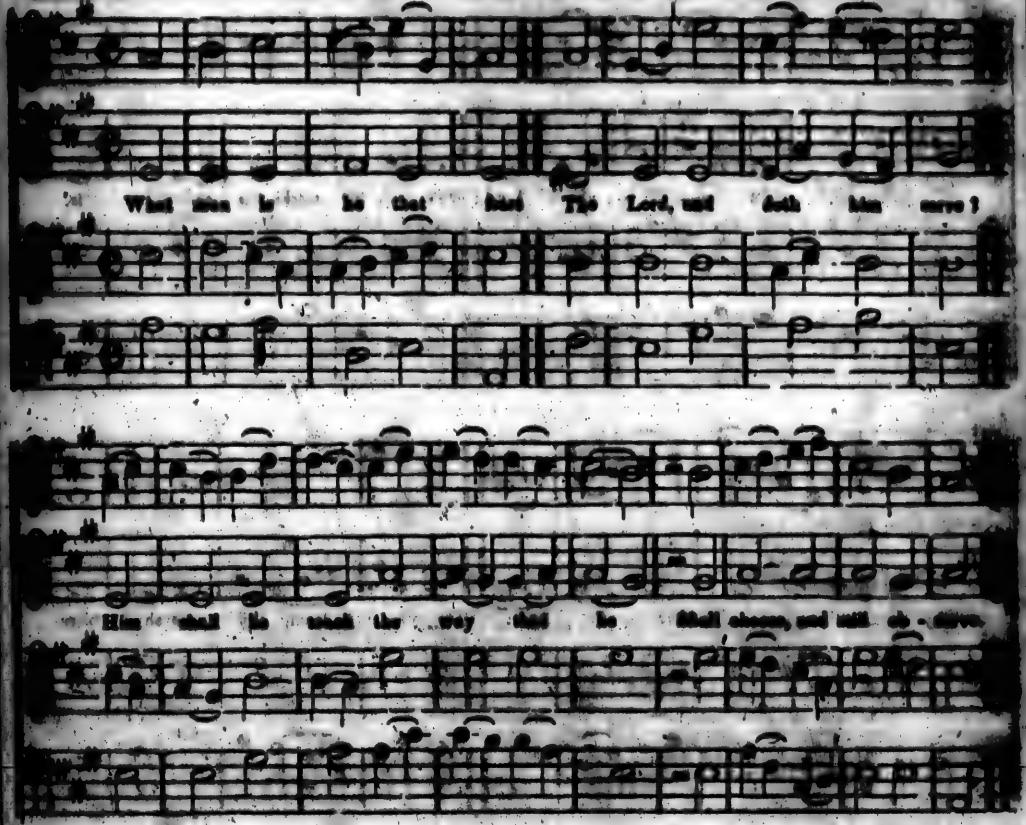


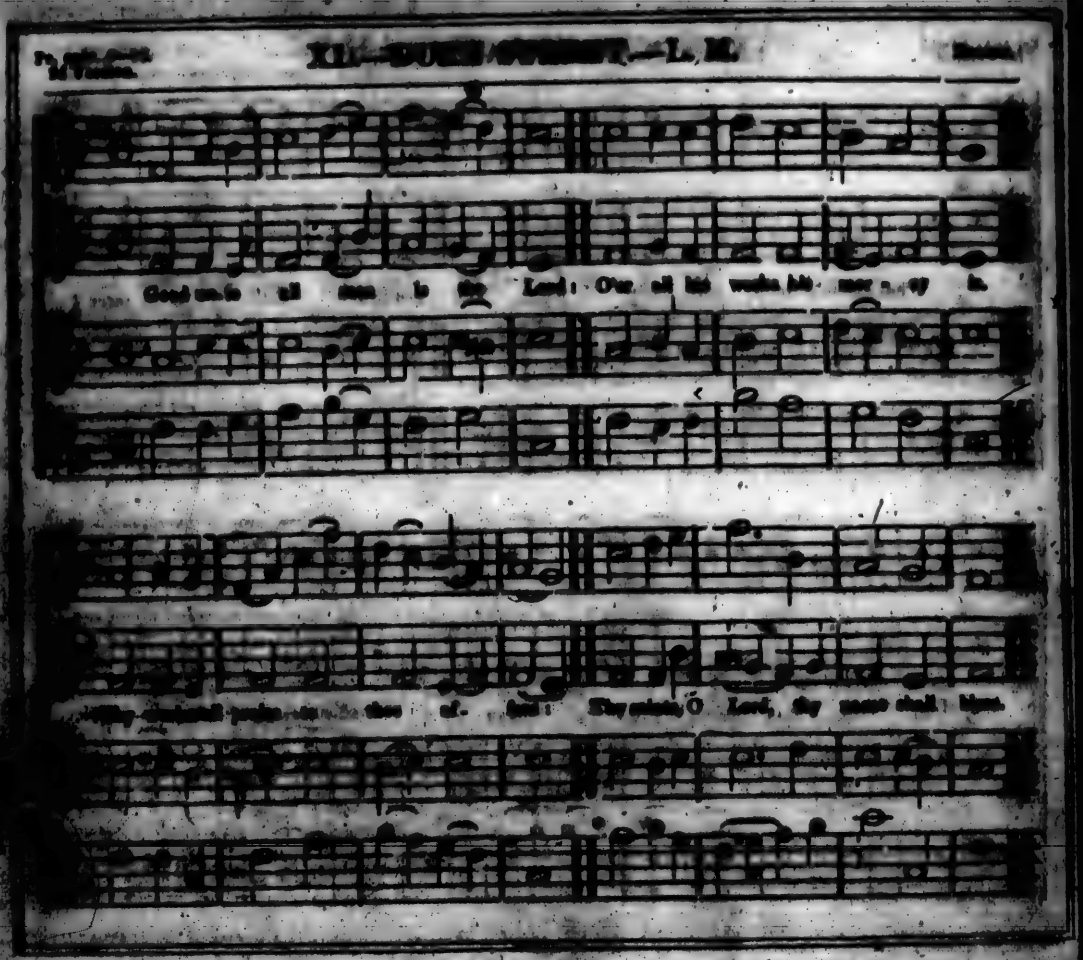









What man is he that fears The Lord, and doth him serve?
Him shall he teach the way that he shall choose, and still di - rect.



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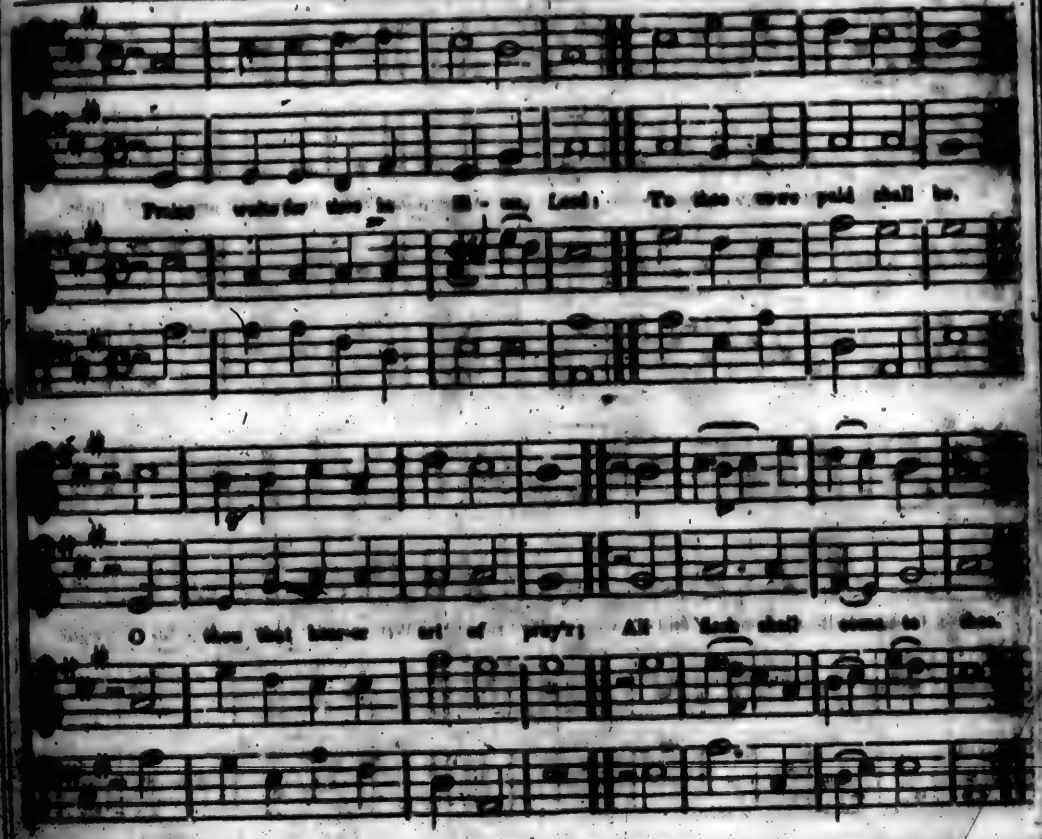
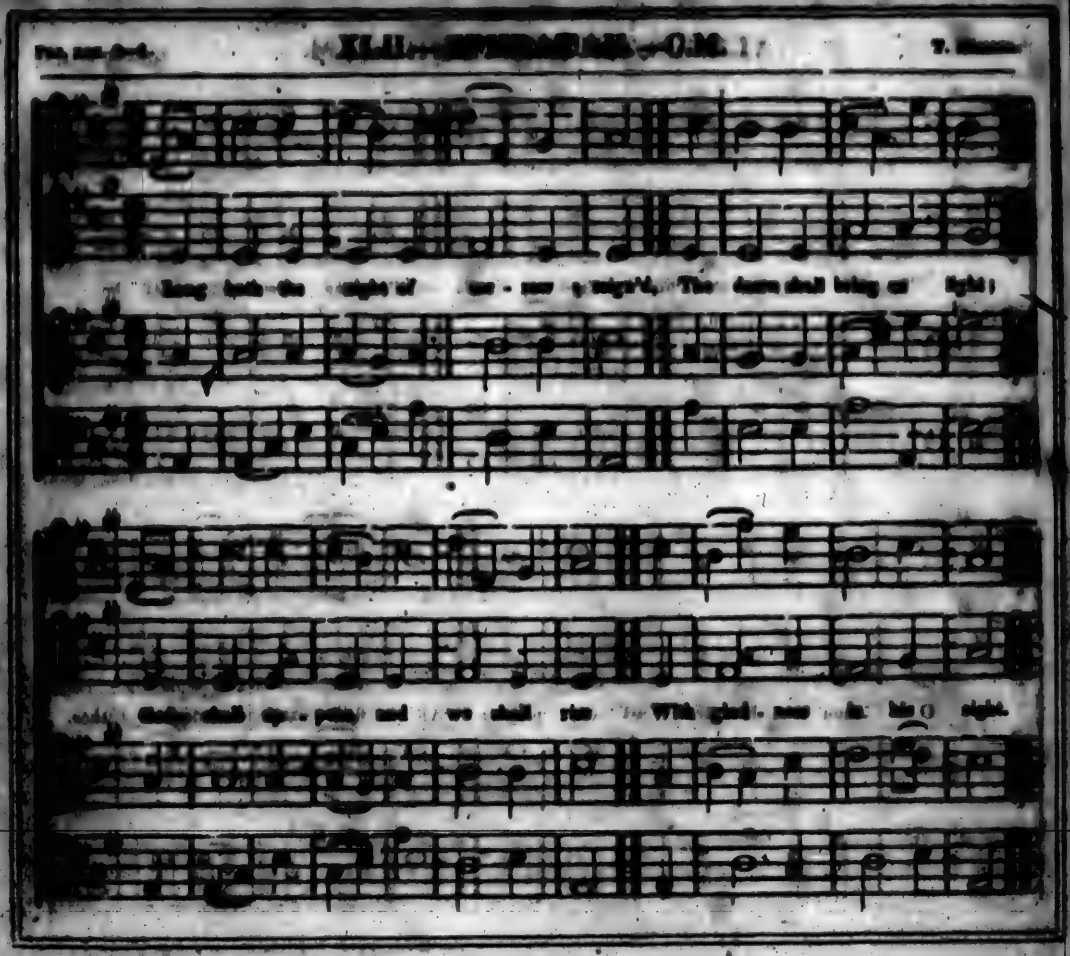
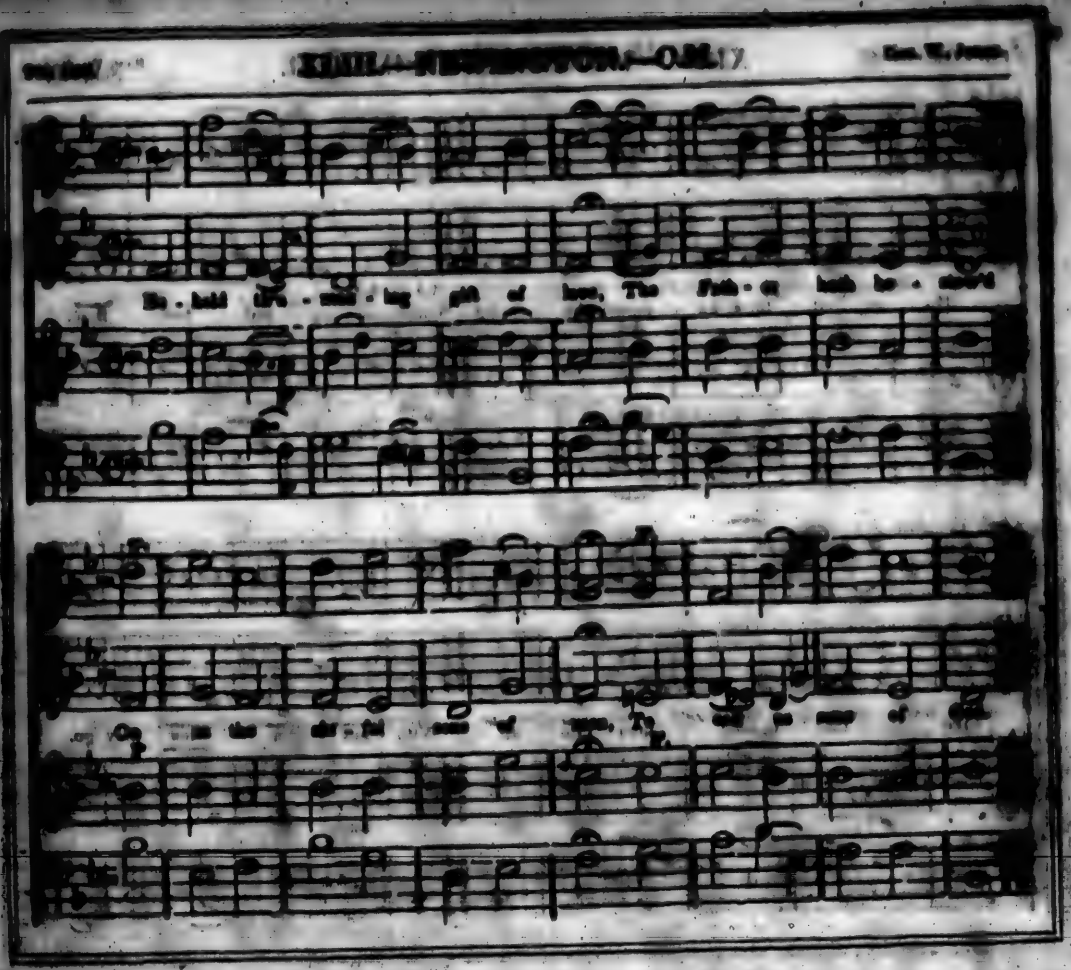
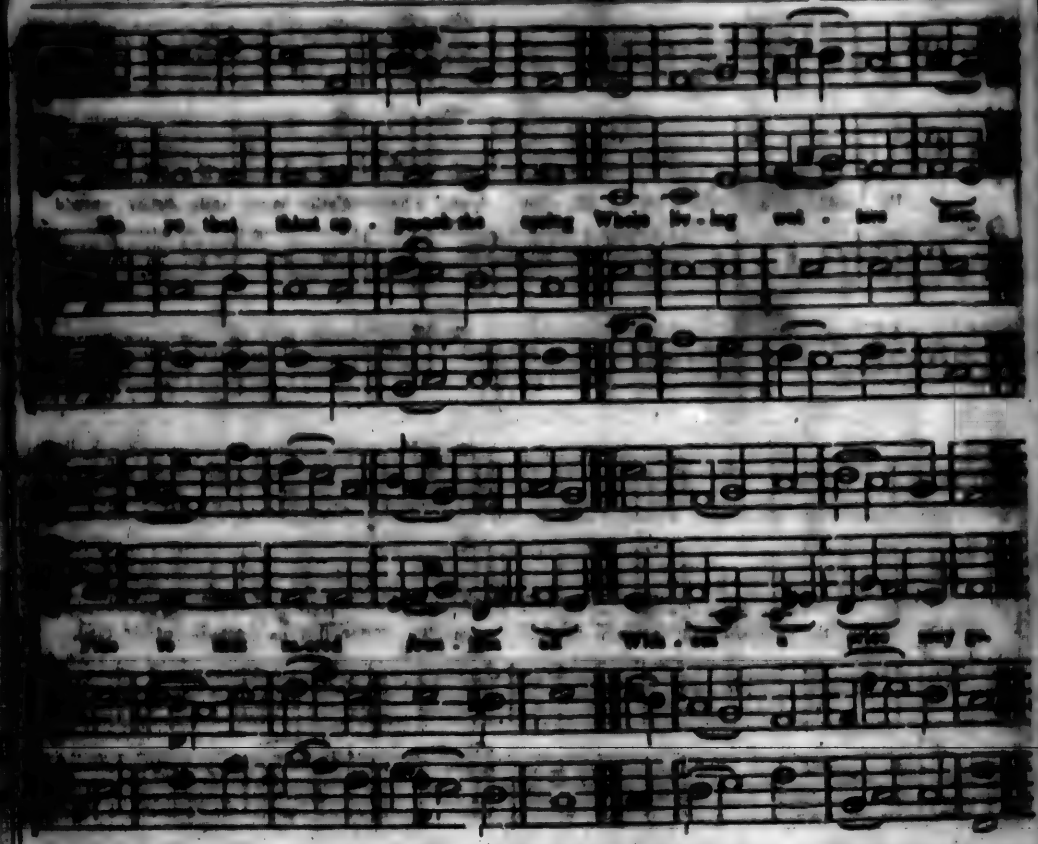
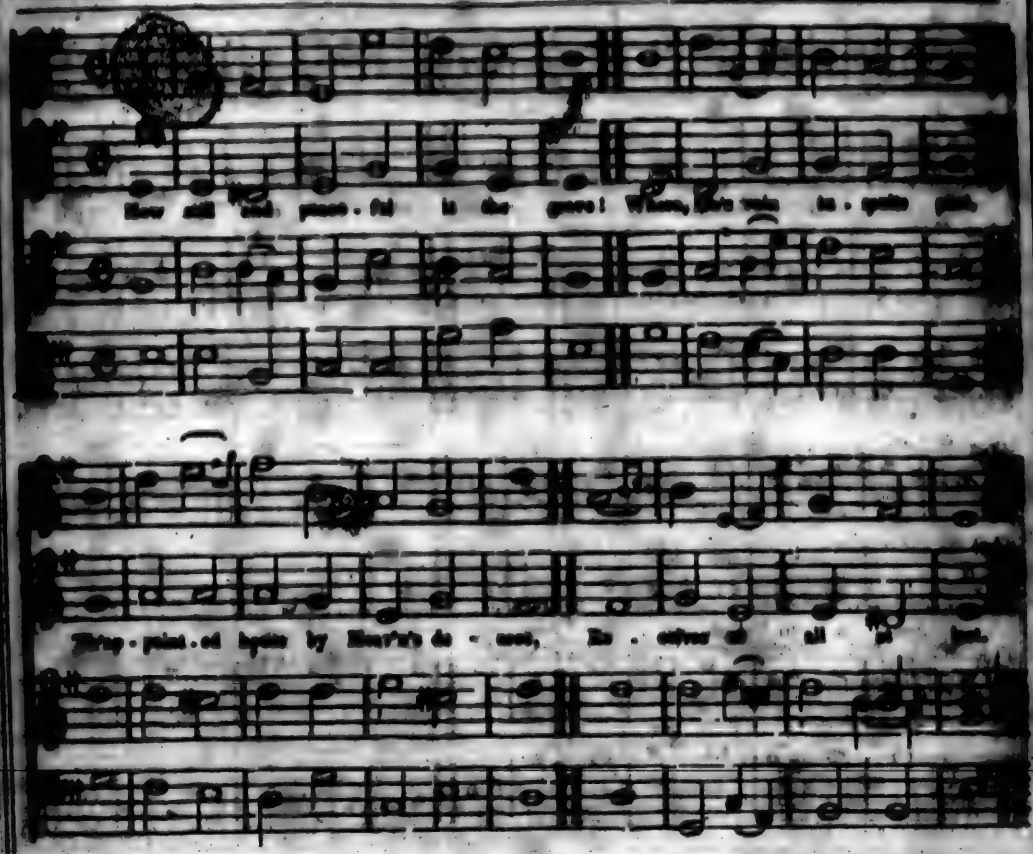
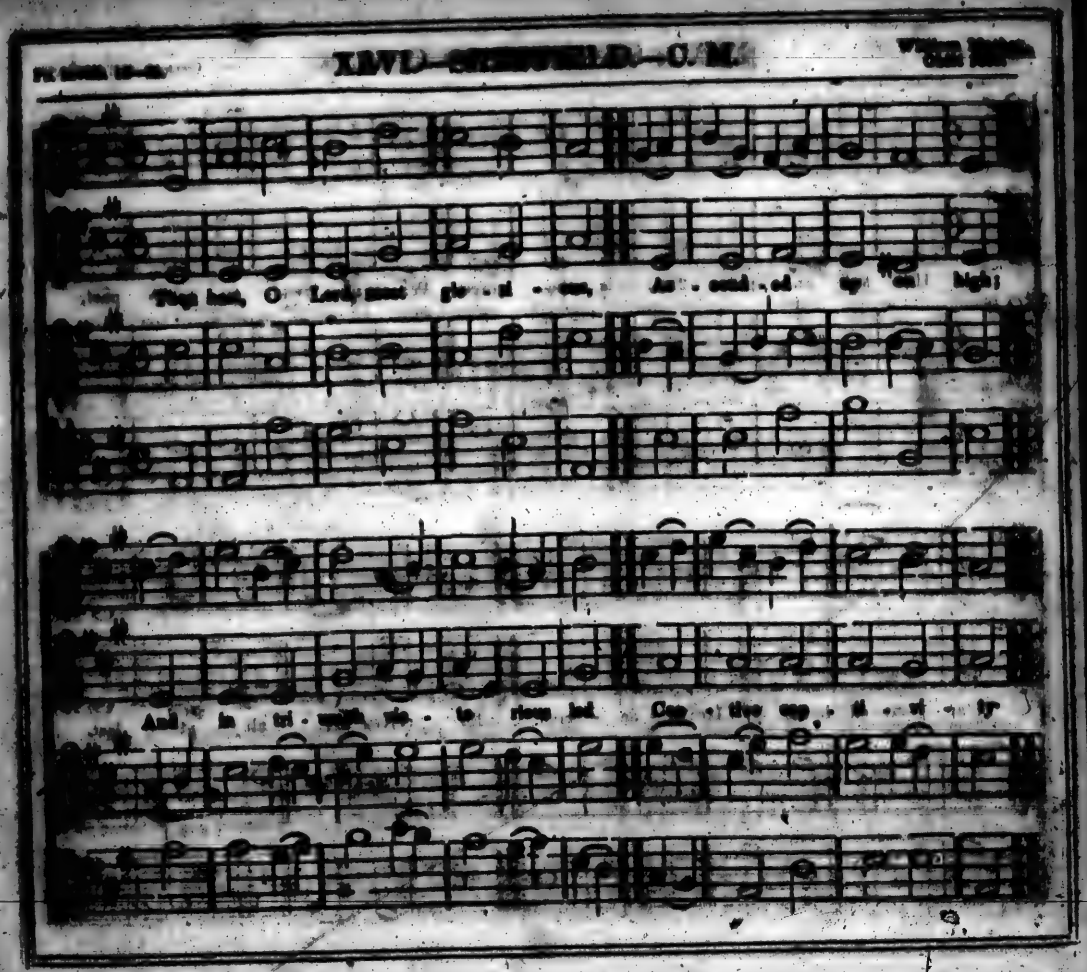


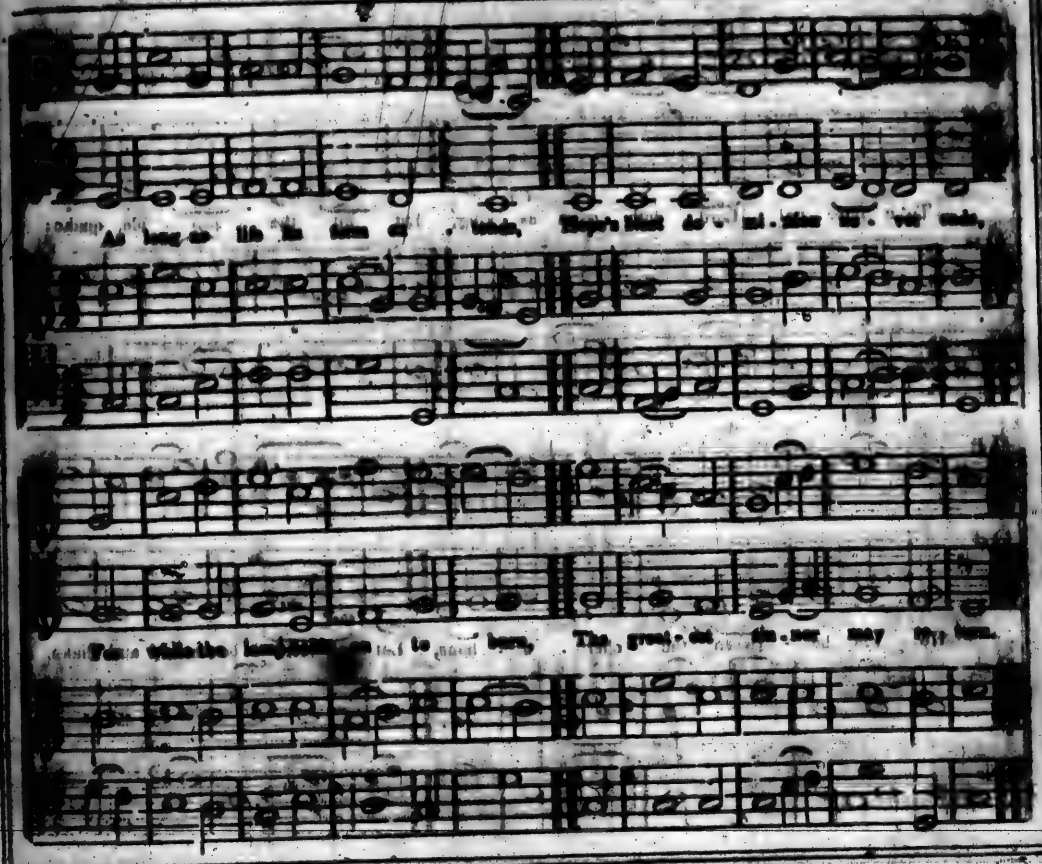


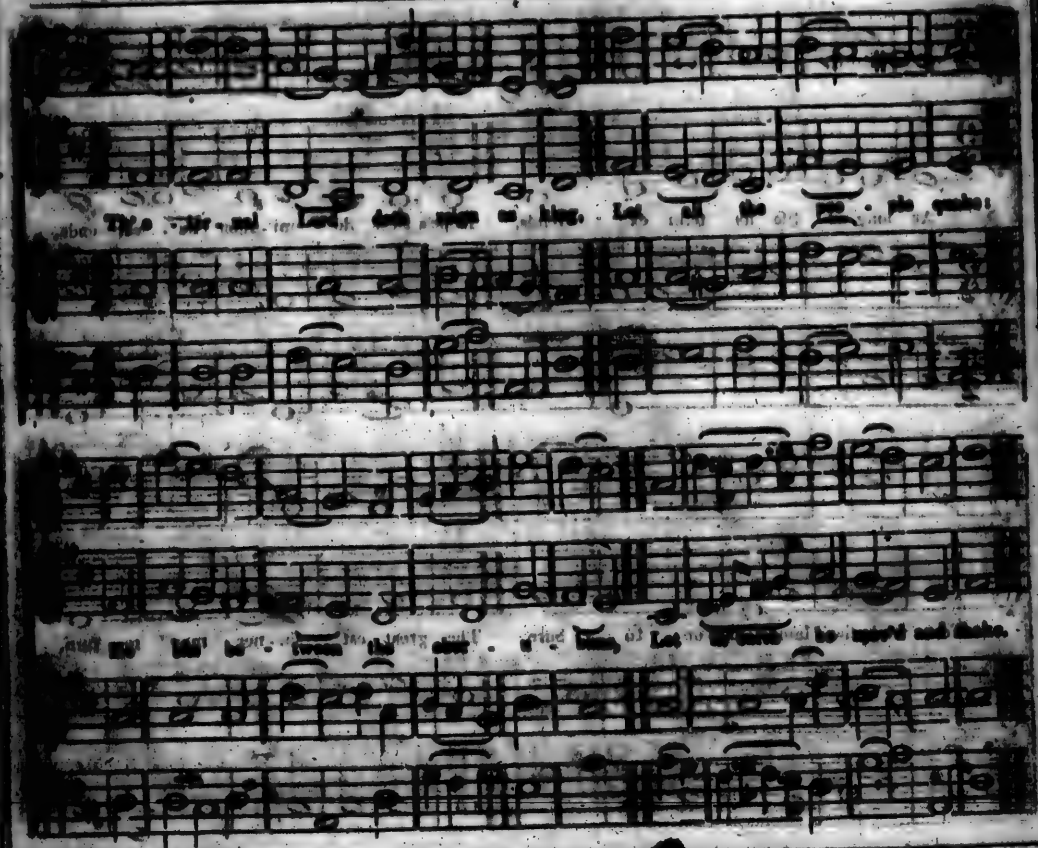


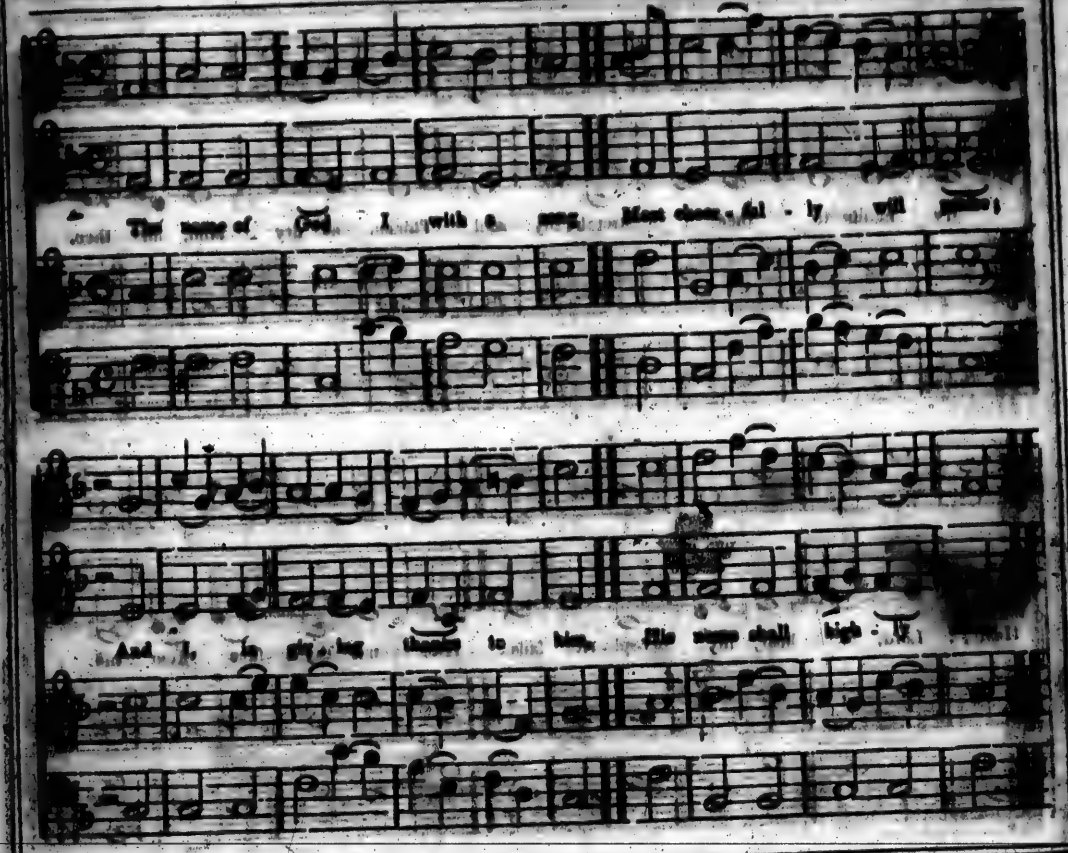


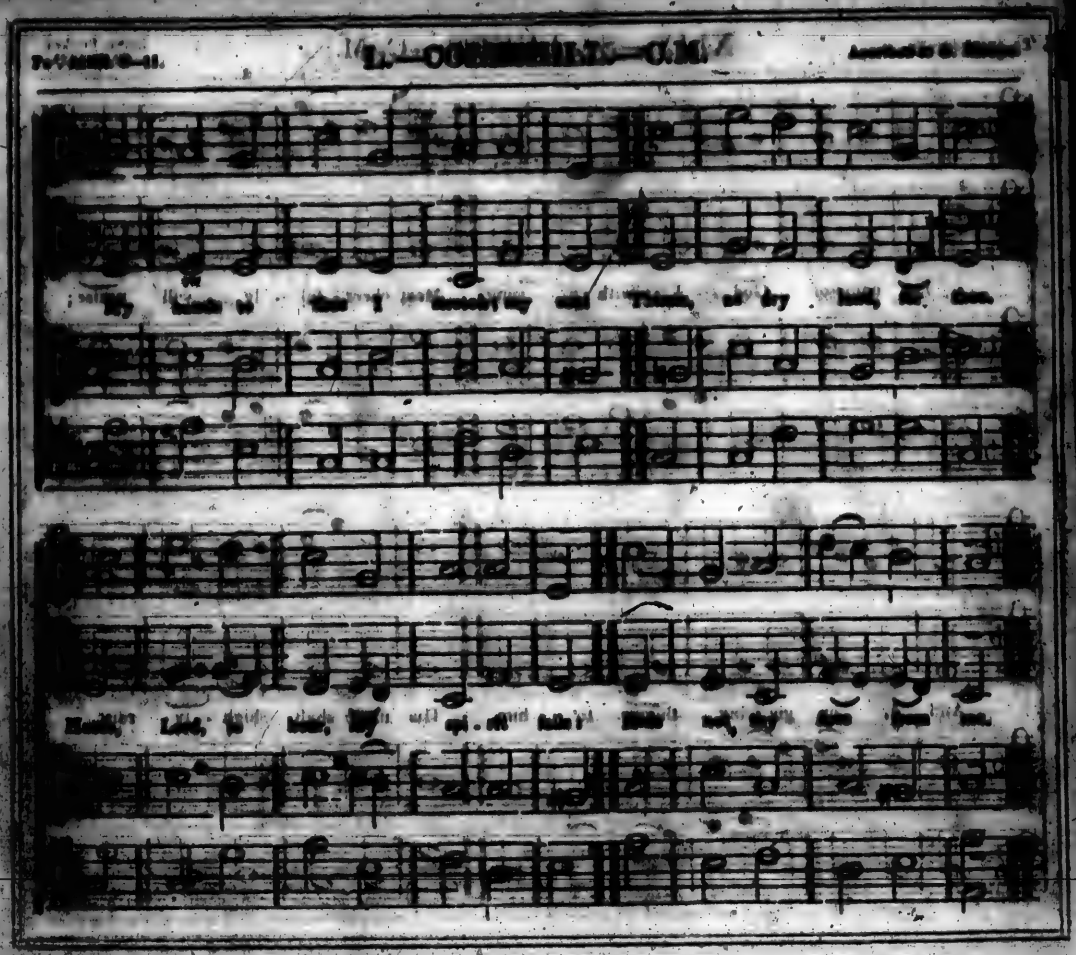

How all the pow'rs of hell in the grave! Where Christ was laid, the
Thro' pointed lyres by Heav'n's de - cree, In other all is
Thro' pointed lyres by Heav'n's de - cree, In other all is

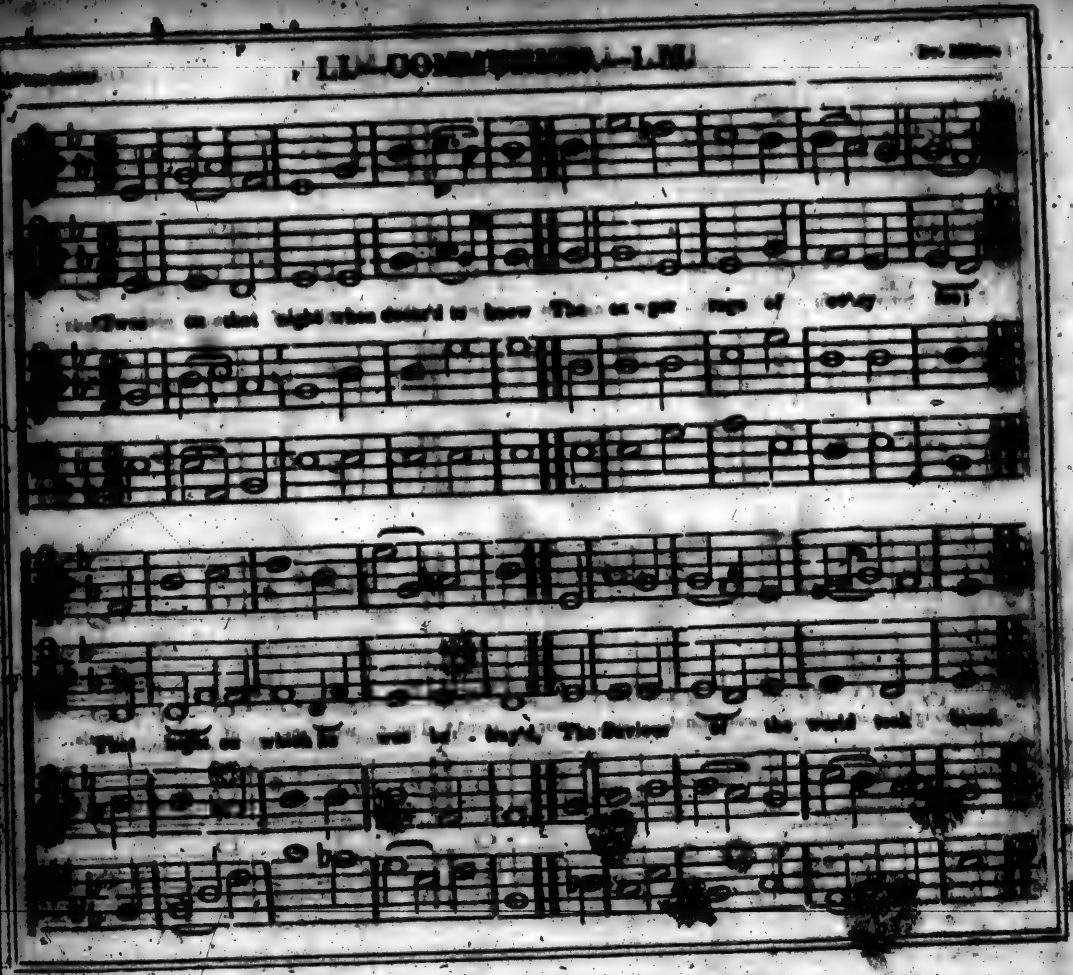

XXVI—SHEFFIELD—C. M.
Thus look, O Lord, most glo - ri - ous, As - cend - ed up on high;
And in tri - umph re - ceive Je - ho - vah up - ri - ght

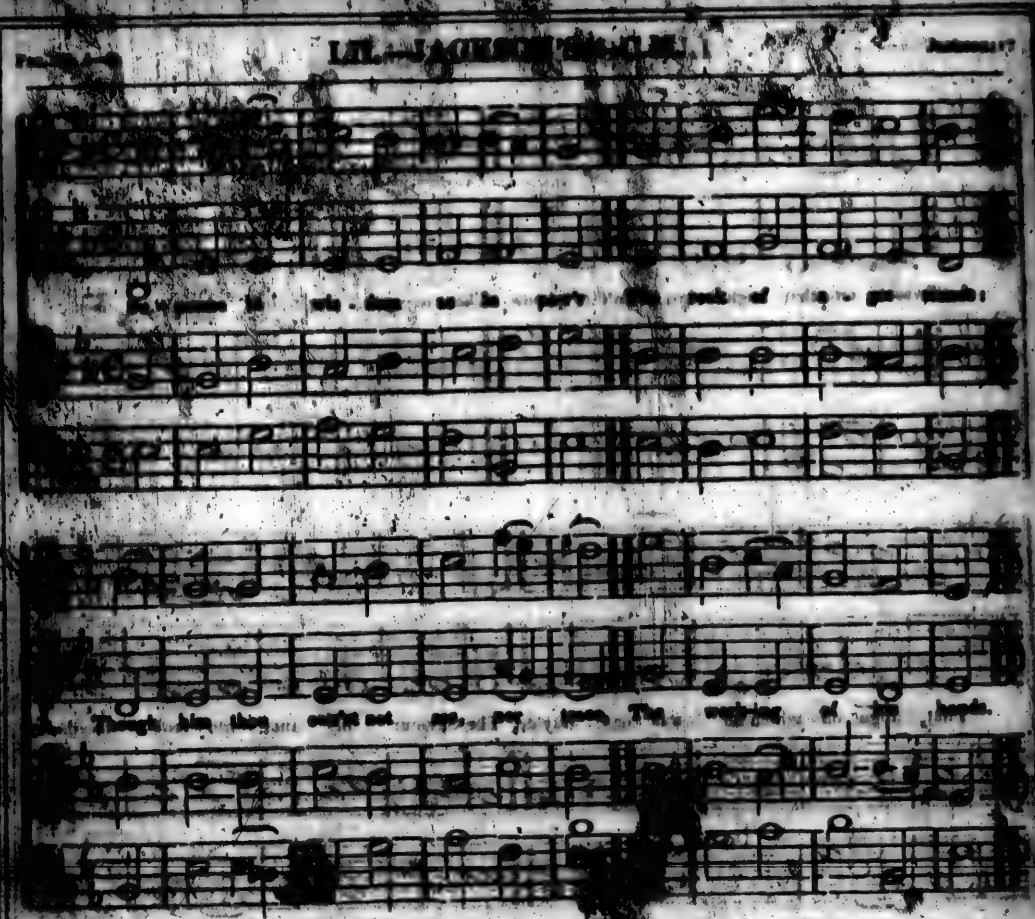

As long as life its theme shall find, Prayer shall ascend, and praise,
From while the lamp burns to be born, The greatest theme may try him.




The name of God I with a song, Most cheer - ful - ly will praise;
And I in giv - ing thanks to him, His name shall high - ly







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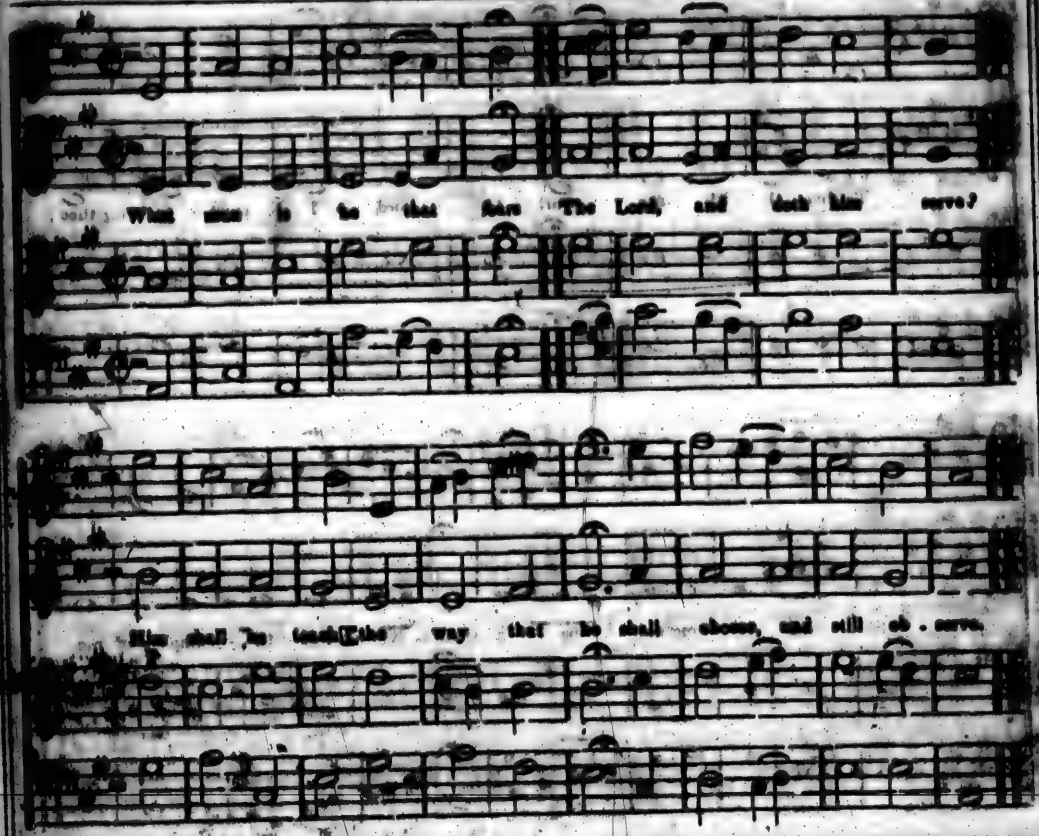
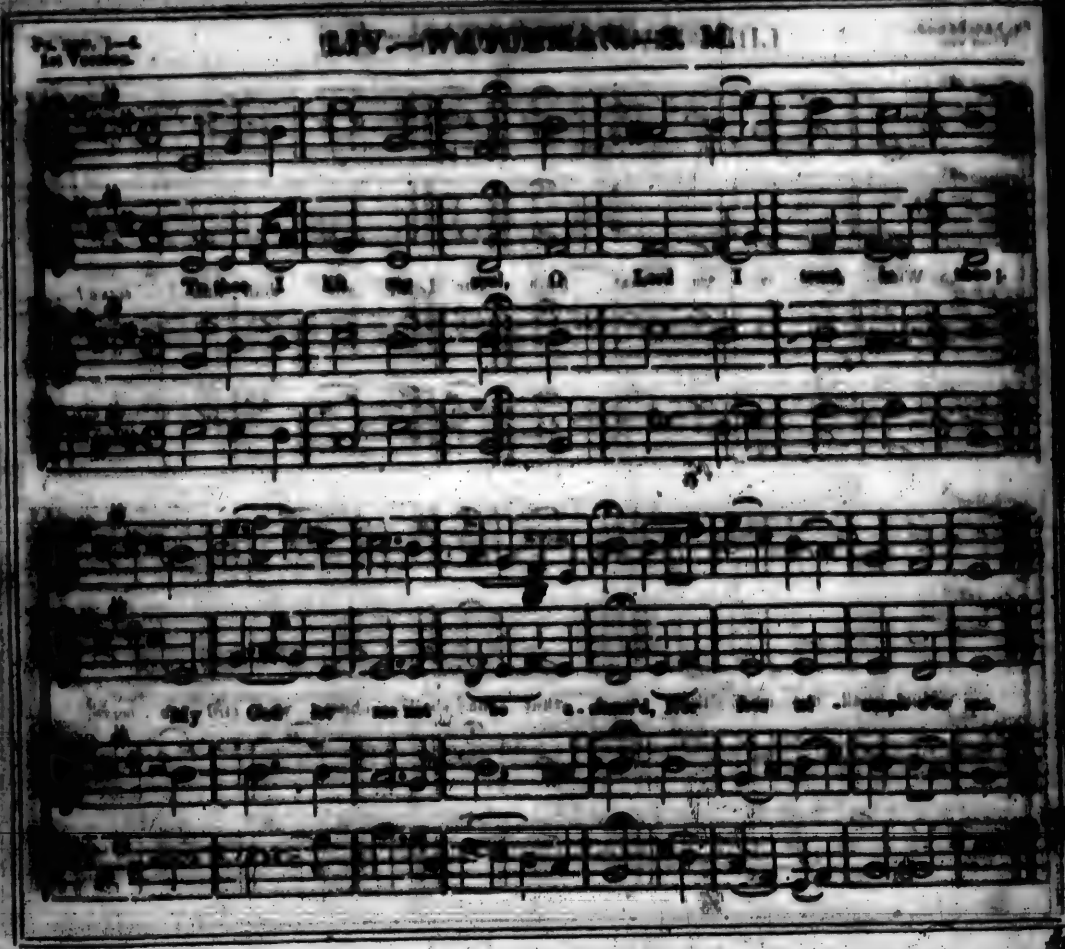
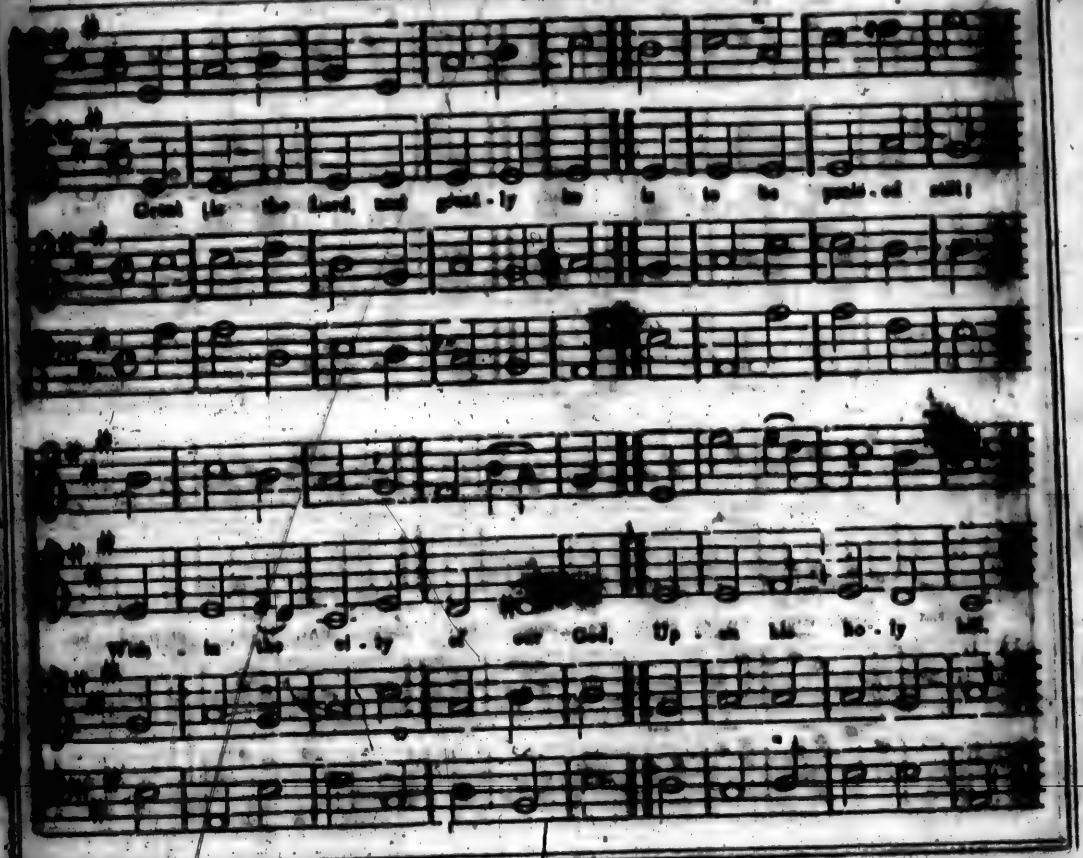
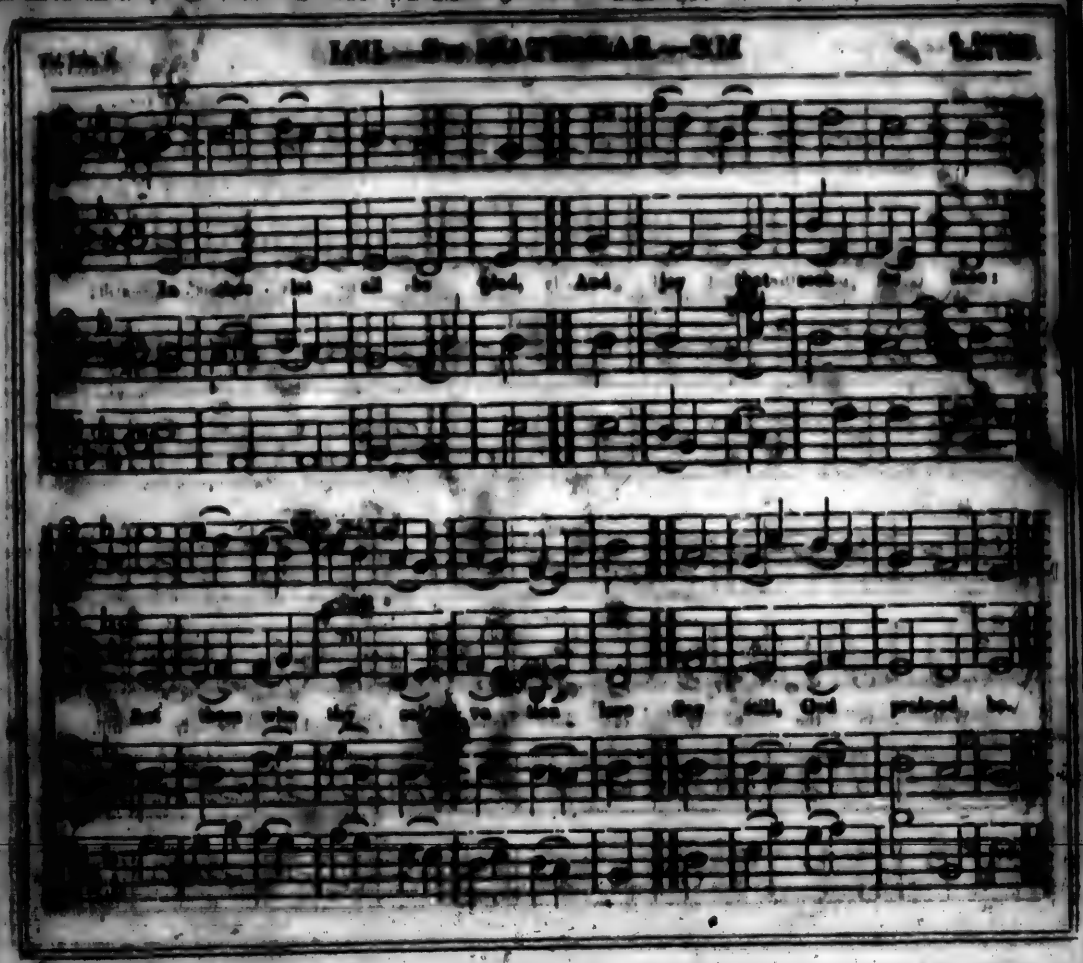
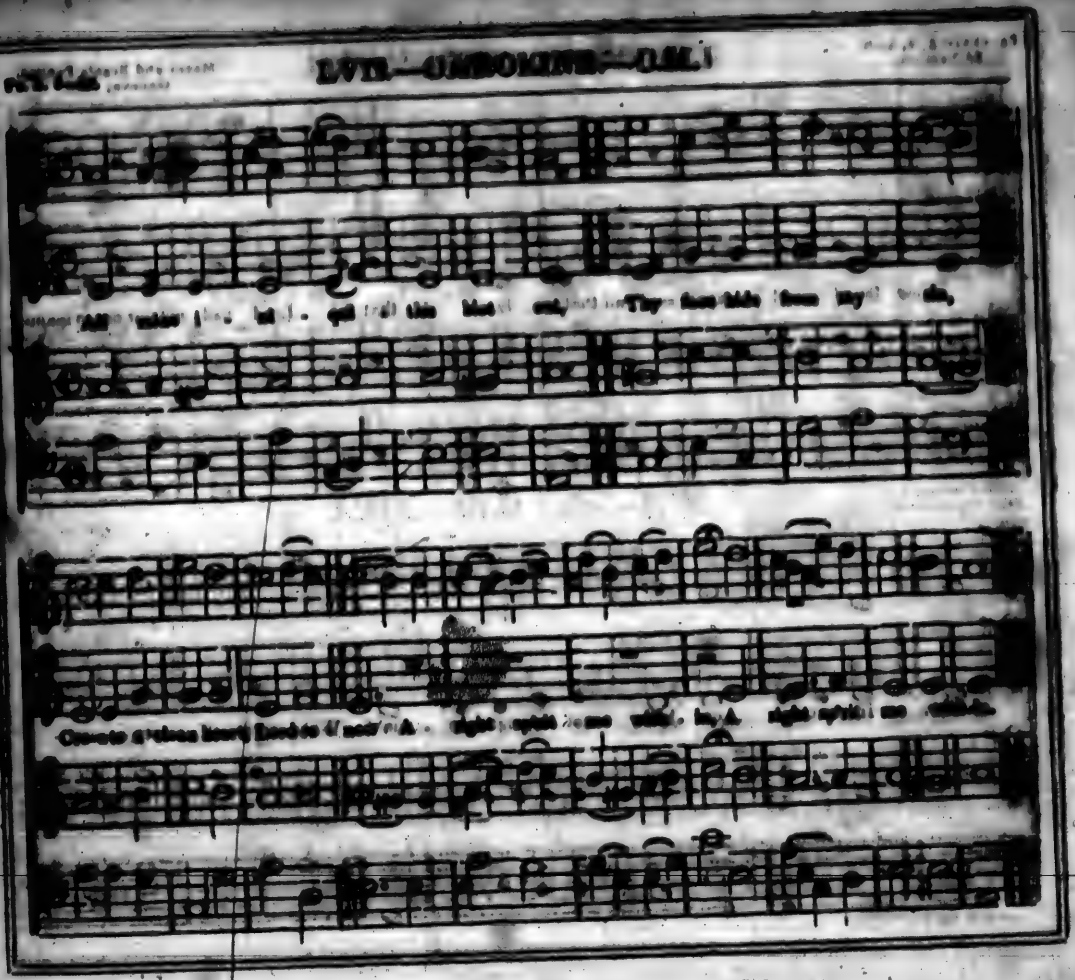
LIII.—NEW ST. THOMAS.—S.M.

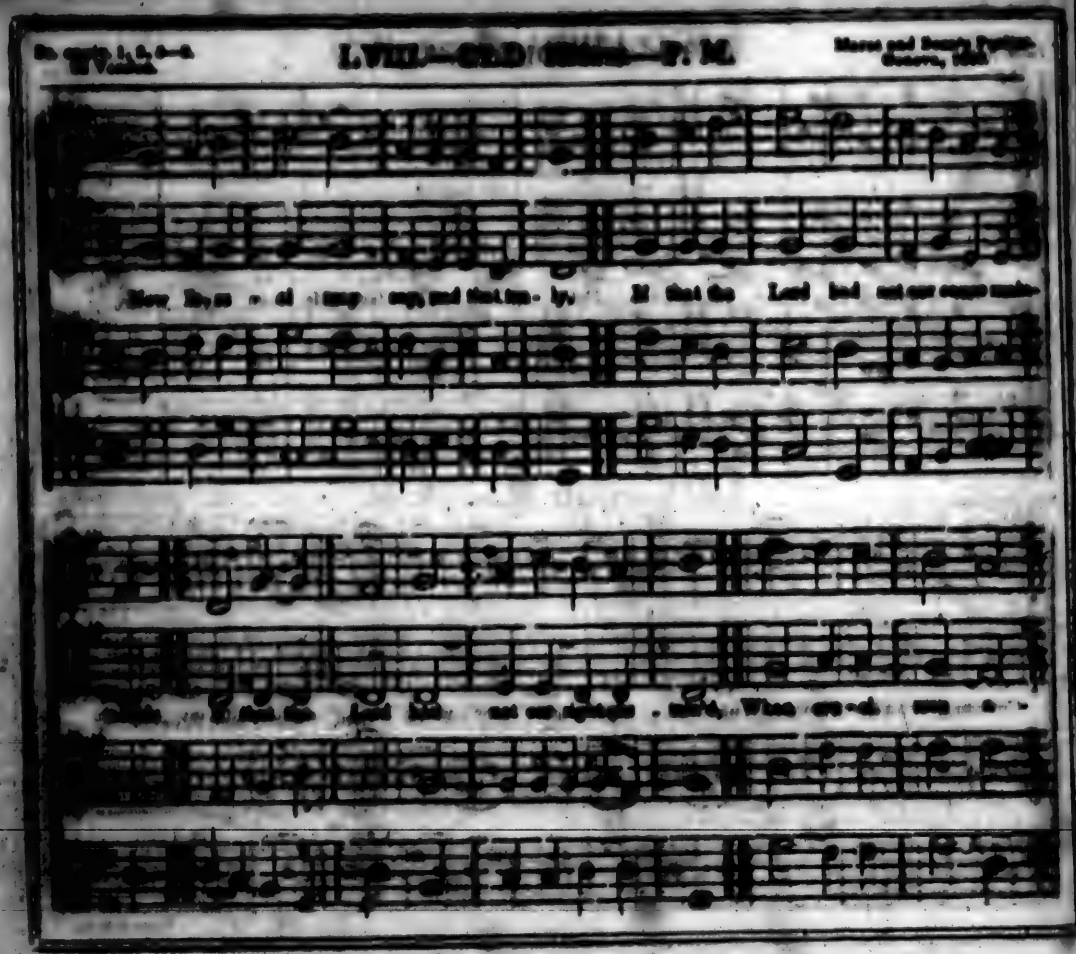


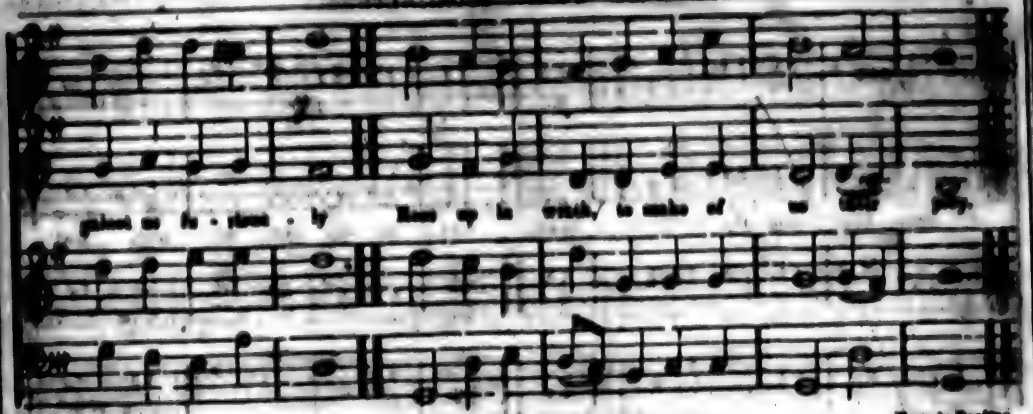



Christ the Lord, and glad-ly he is to be praised with;
While in the ci-ty of our God, Up-on his ho-ly hill,









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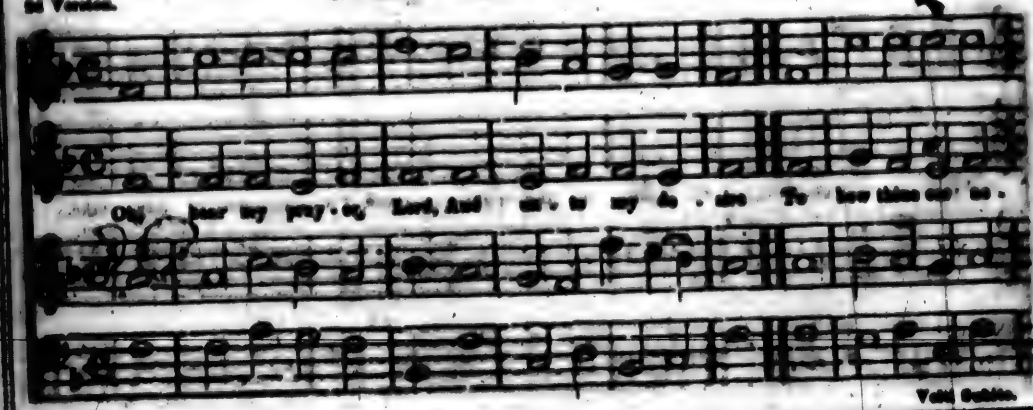
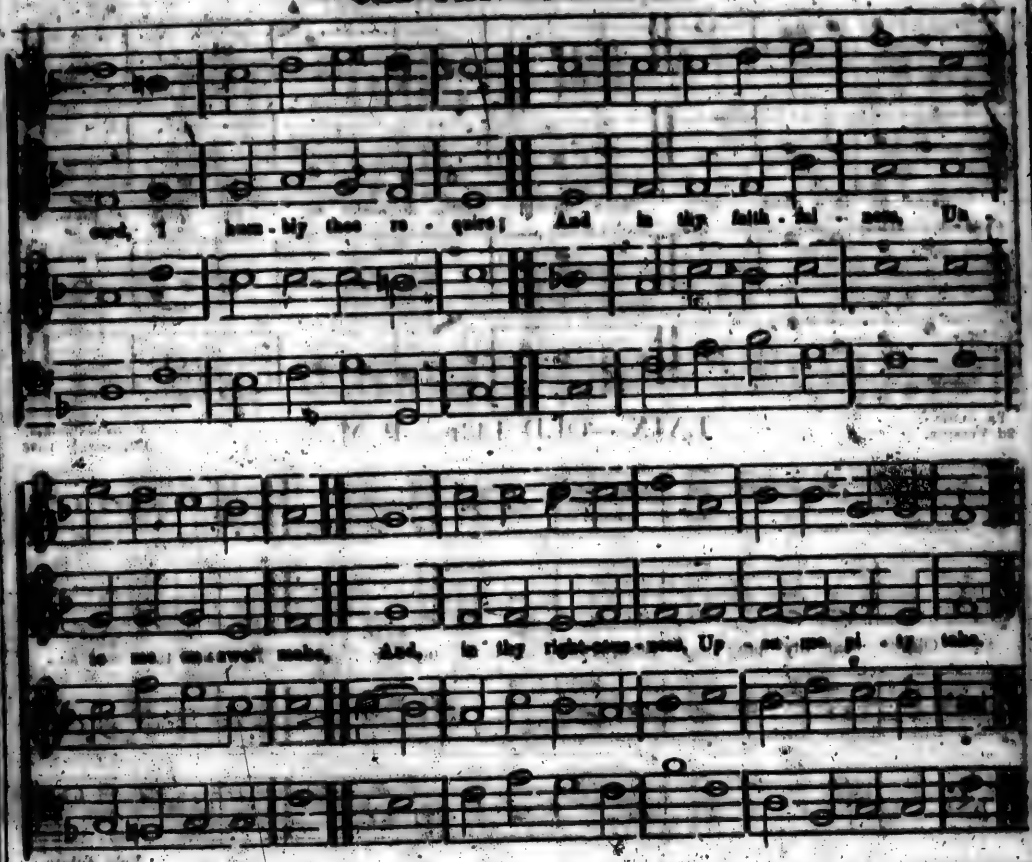
LXIX.—OLD 143D.—P. M.

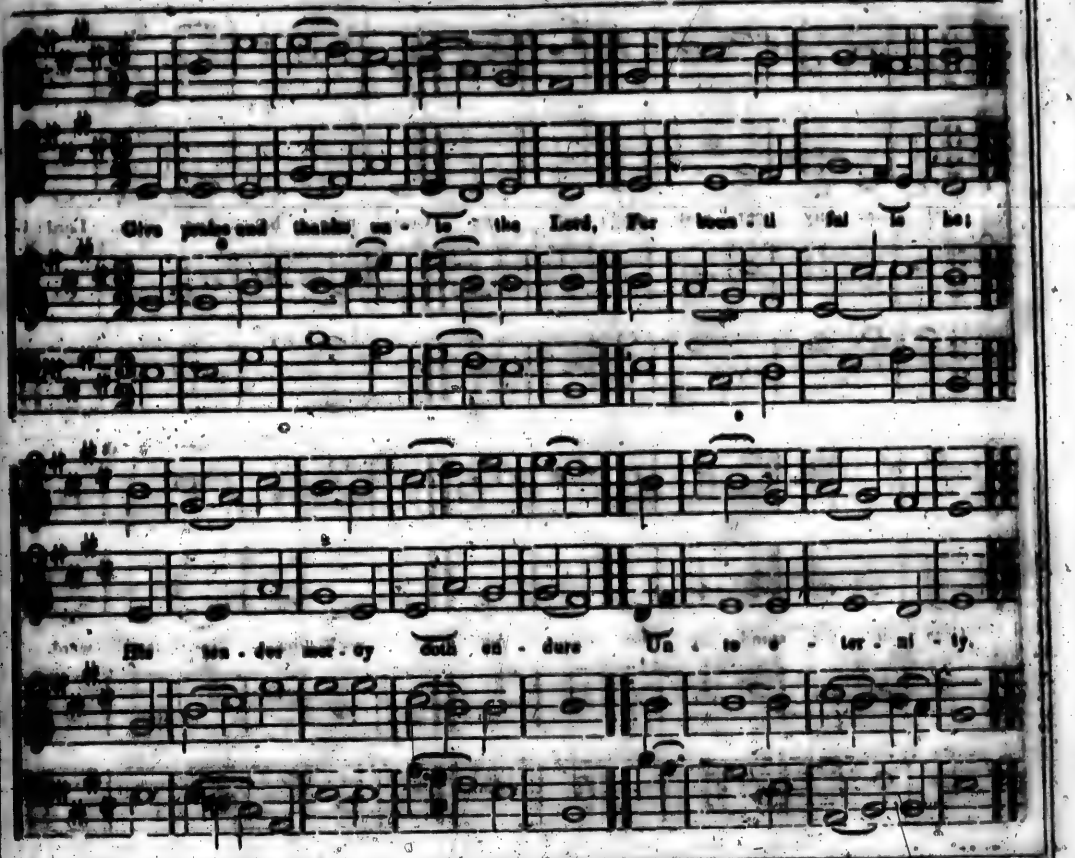
Ryan's Psalmody, Edinburgh, 1855.



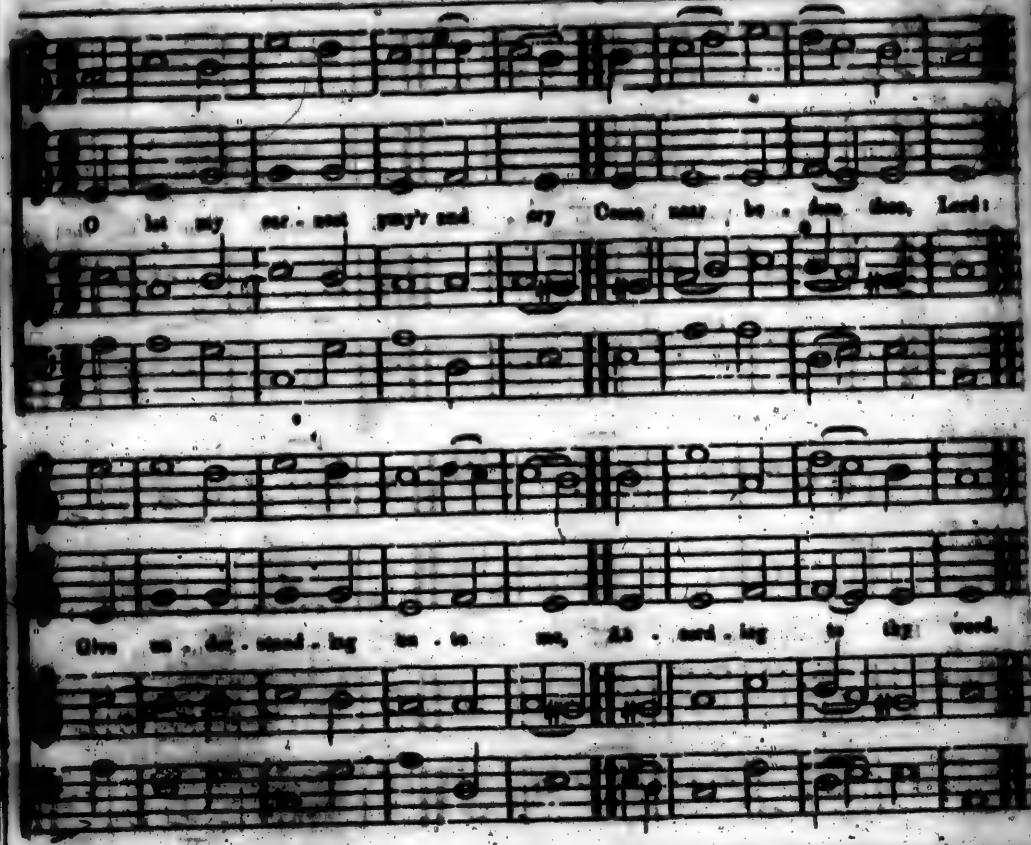
Veni Sancte.


ord, I hum-bly thee re-quire; And in thy faith-ful-ness, Un-
to me, my soul make, And, in thy right-eous-ness, Up-on me, pi-ty take.

LX.—Sw. STEPNEY.—C. M.



LII.—St. Neots.—C.M.



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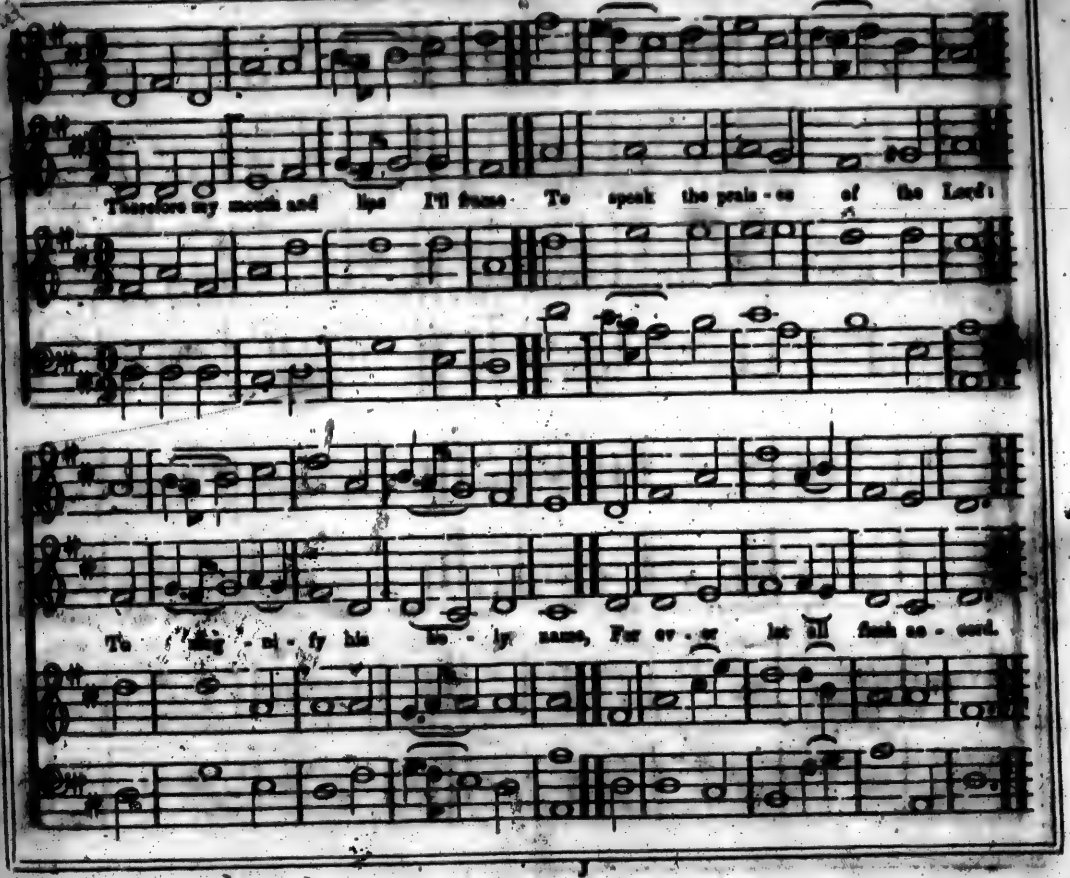

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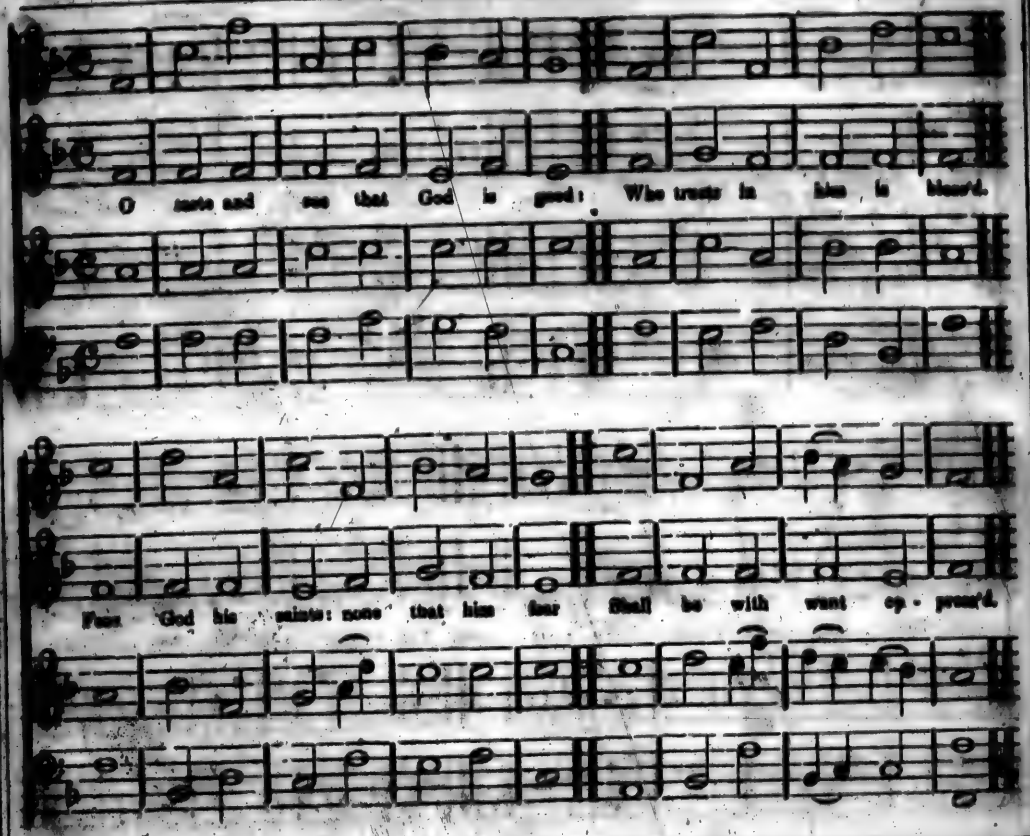

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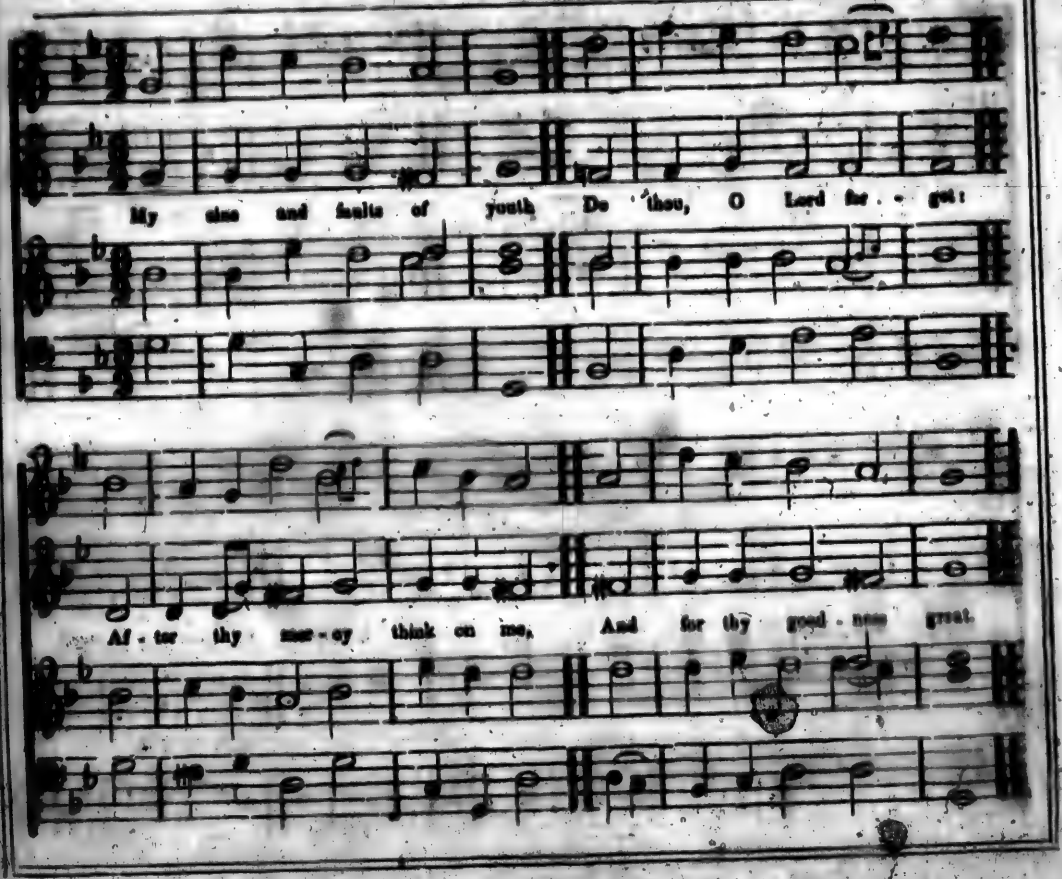

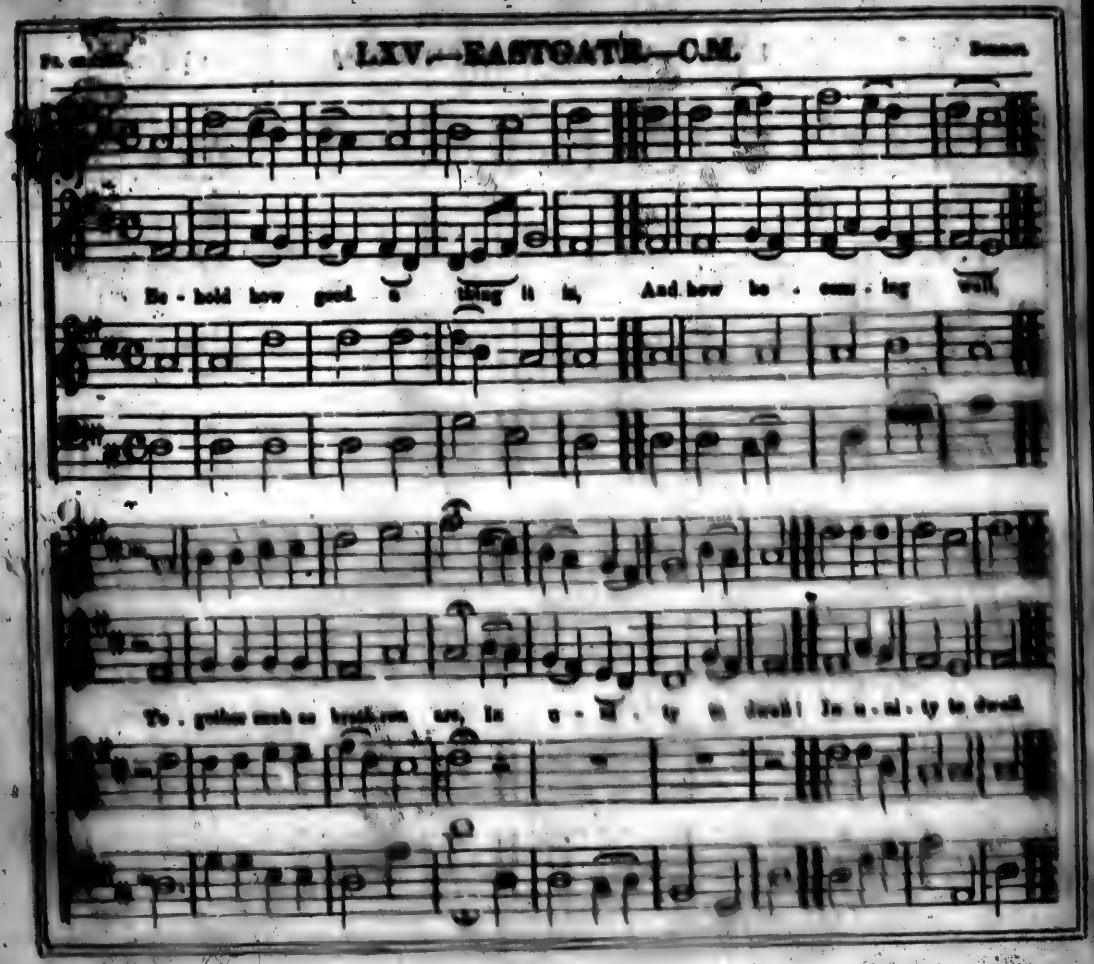
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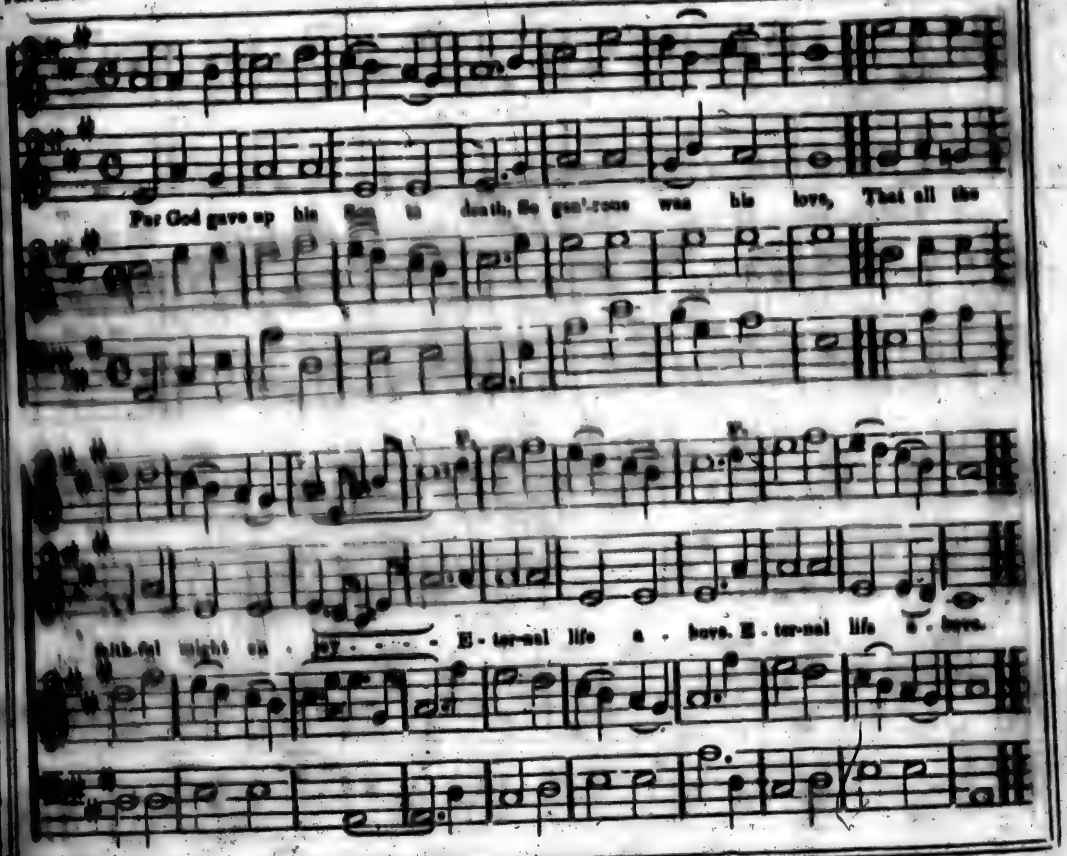
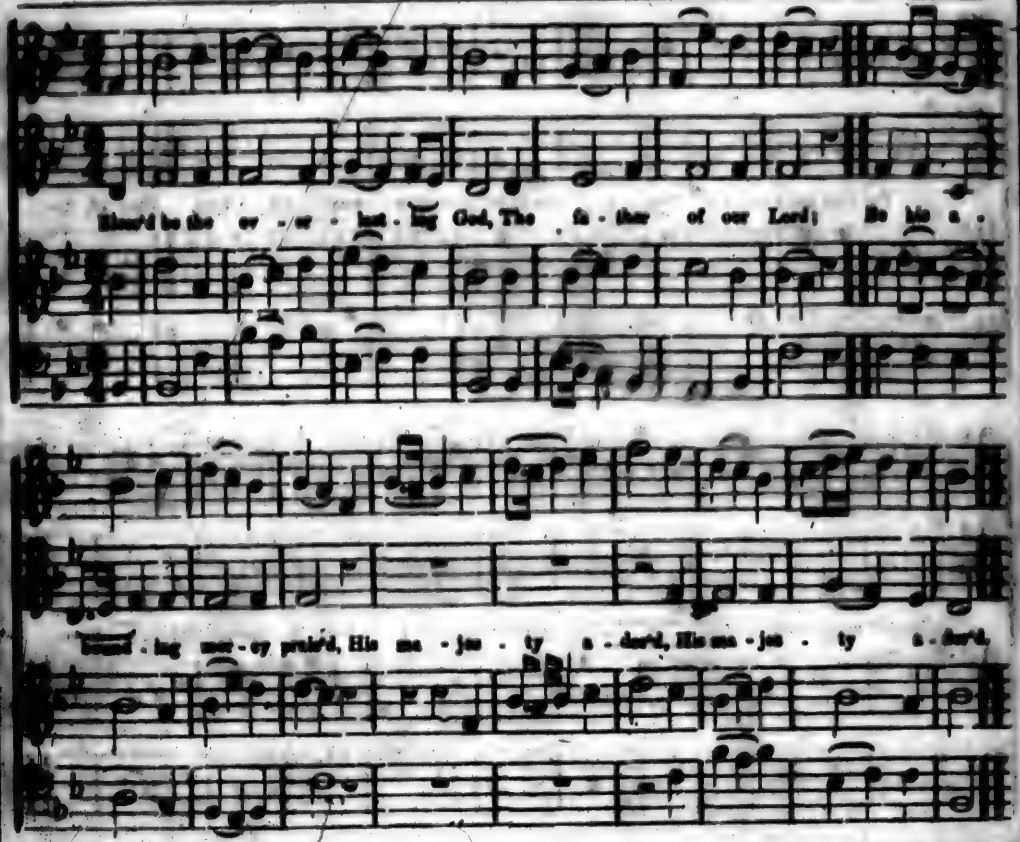
Be - hold how good a thing it is, And how be - com - ing well

LXVI.—DEVIZES.—C.M.




Blest be the ev - er - last - ing God, The fa - ther of our Lord; Be his e -
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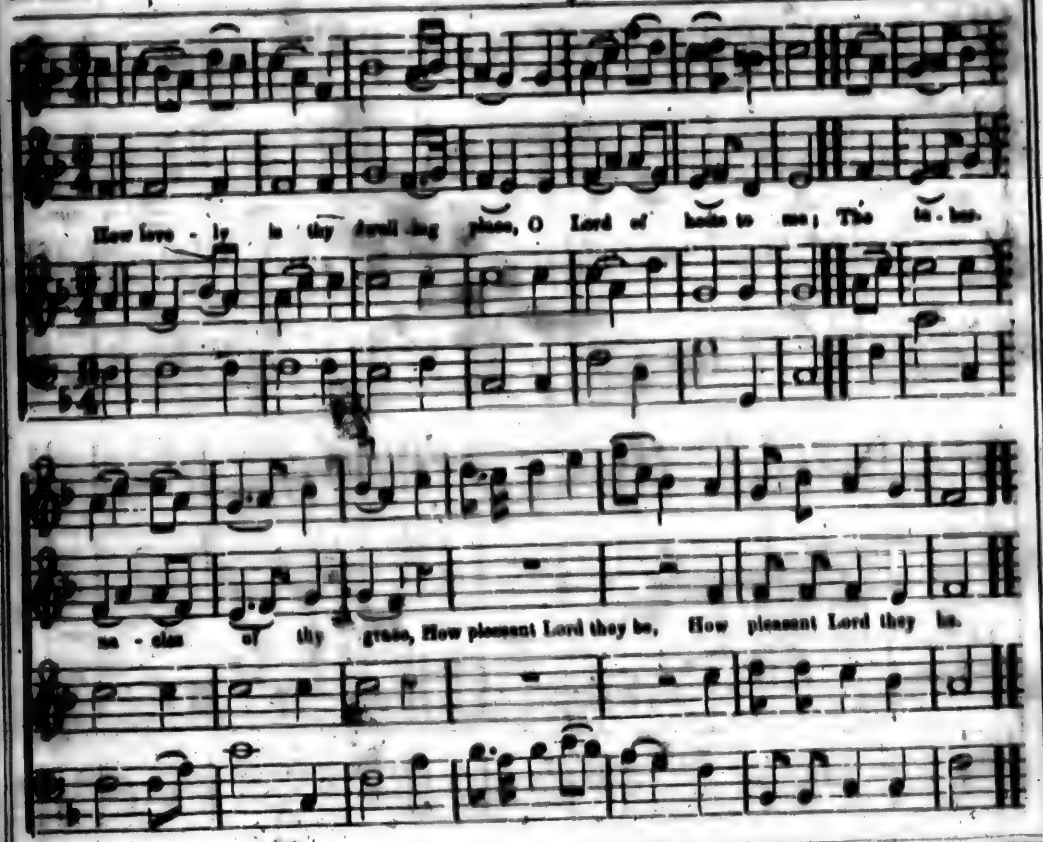

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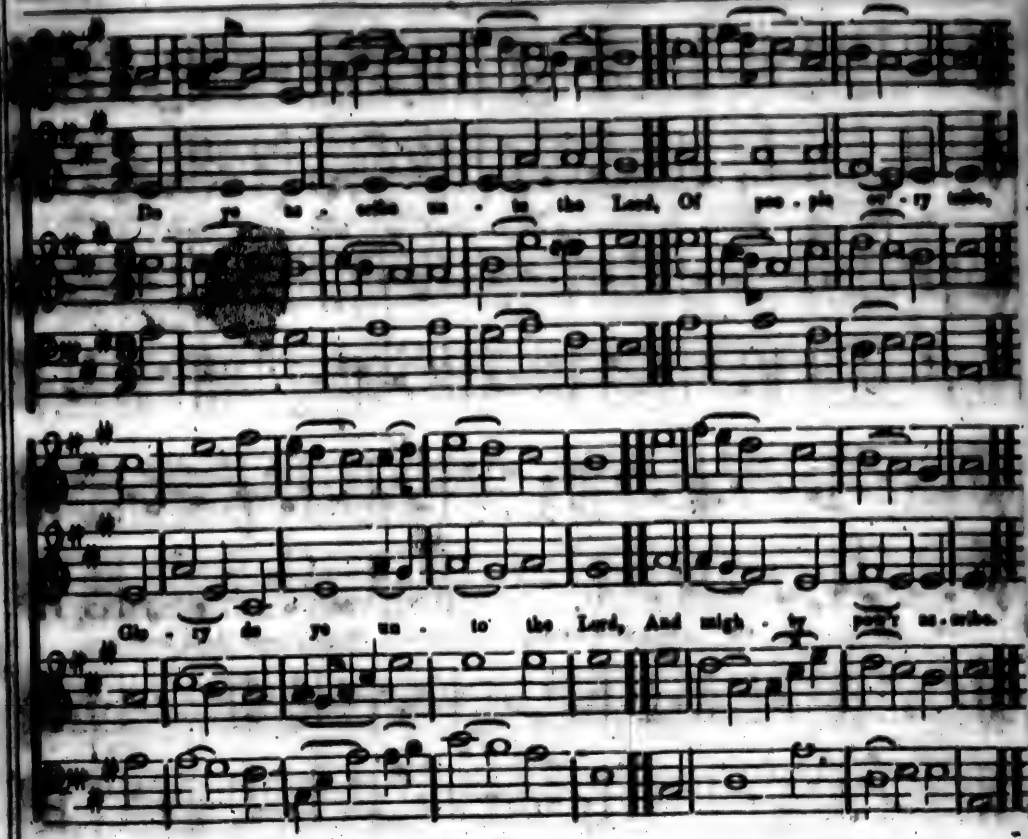
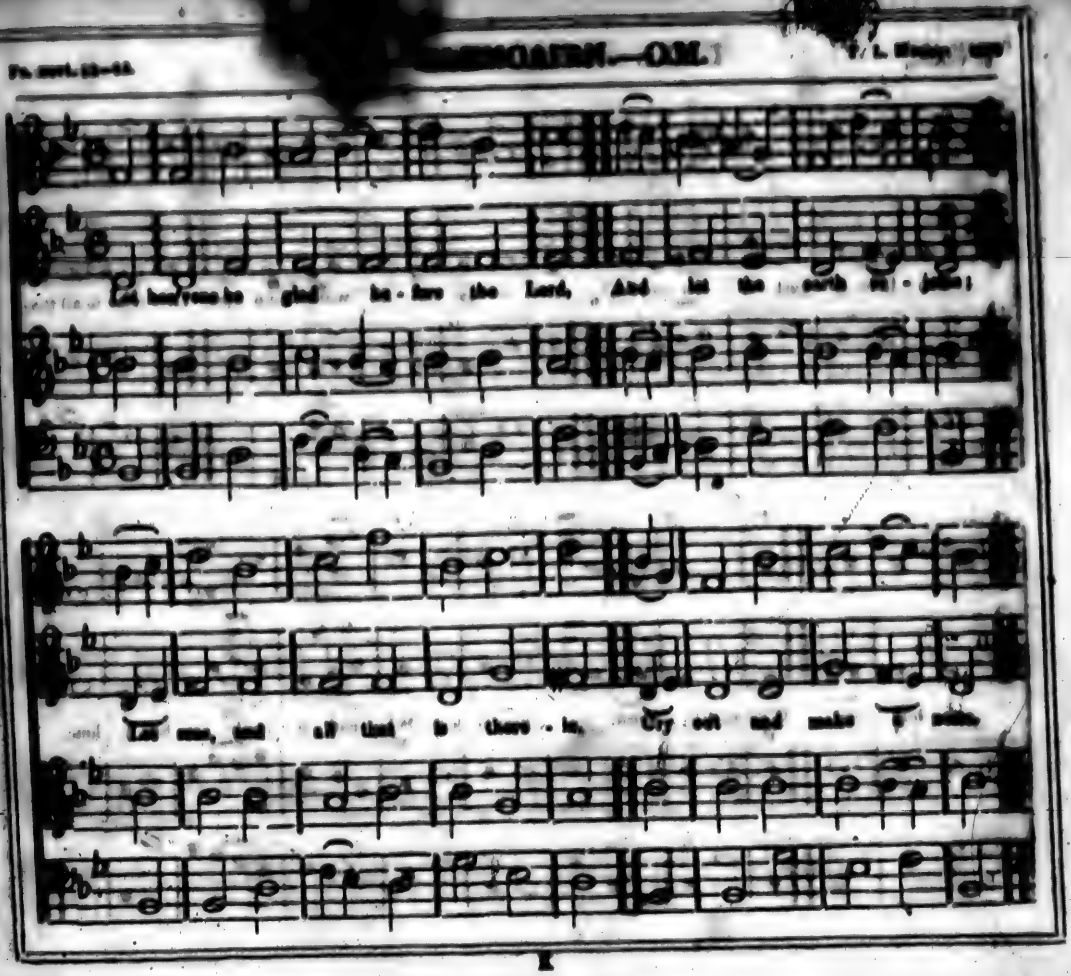
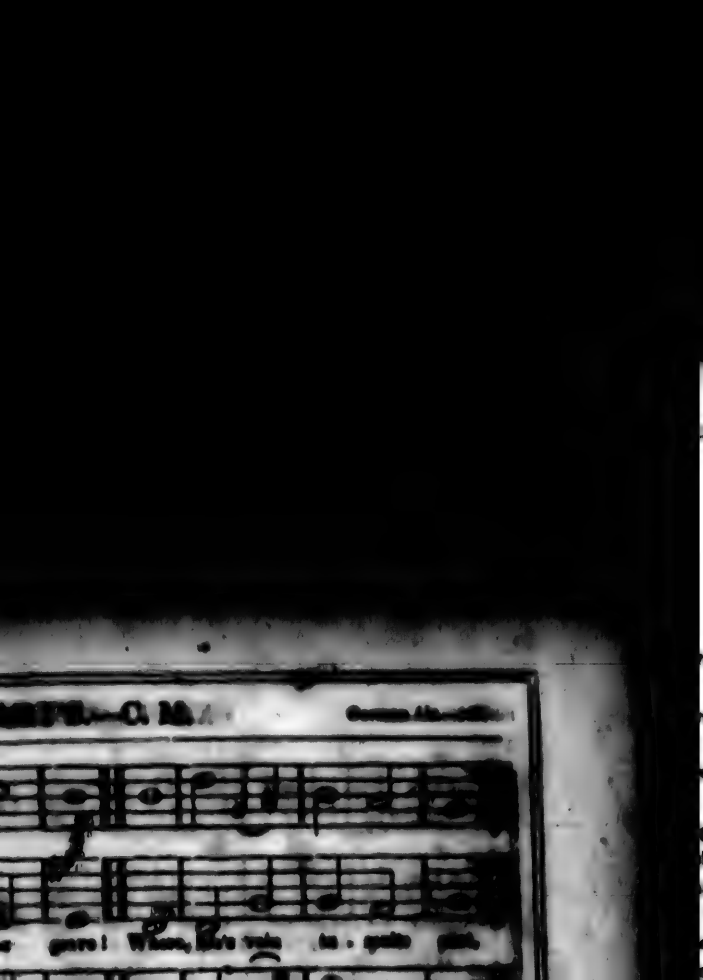



Let heaven be glad be - fore the Lord, And let the earth re - joice!
Let sea, and all that in there - is, Cry out and make a noise.



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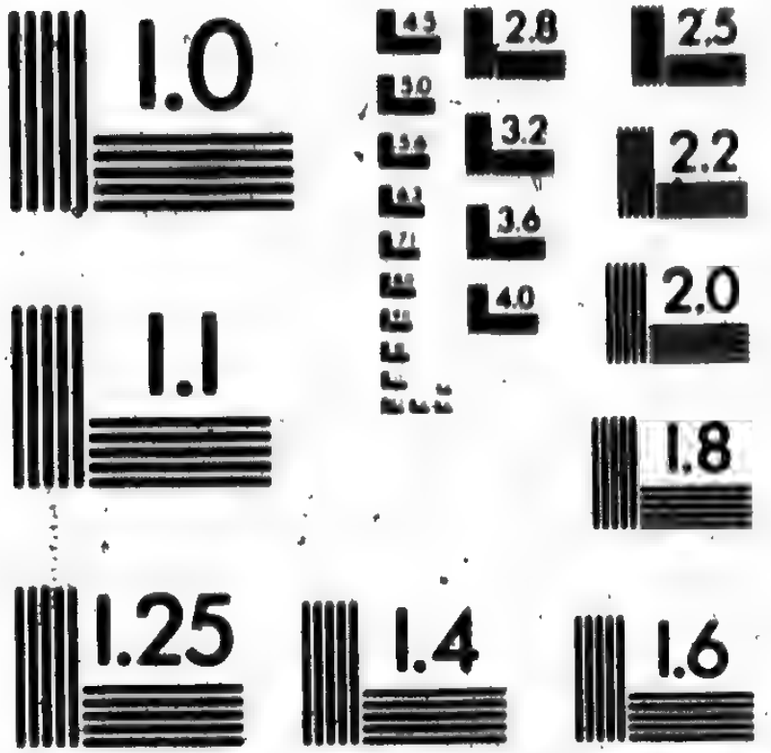

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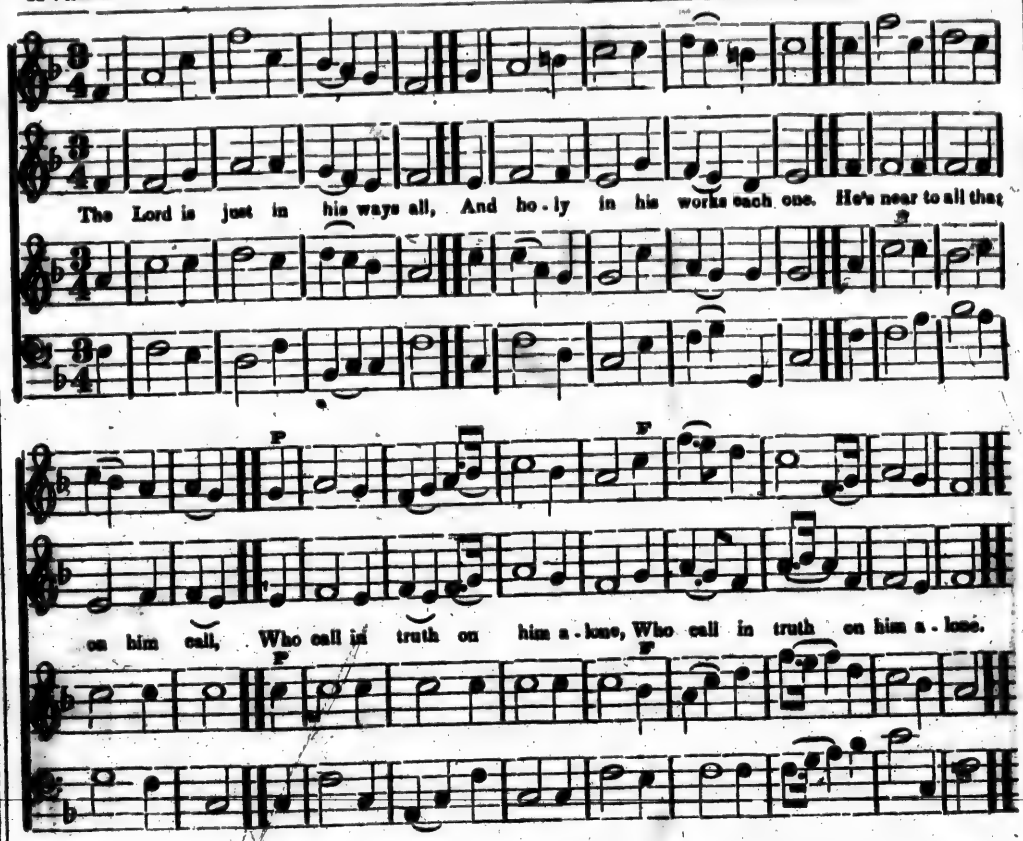

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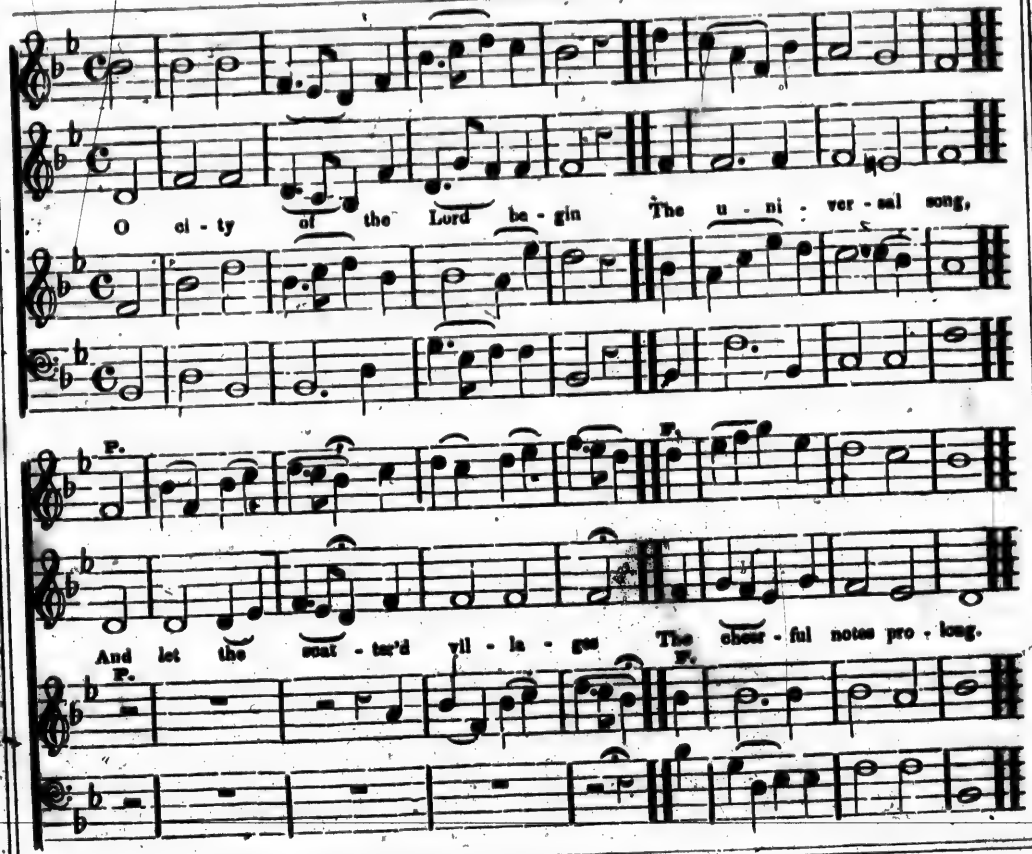

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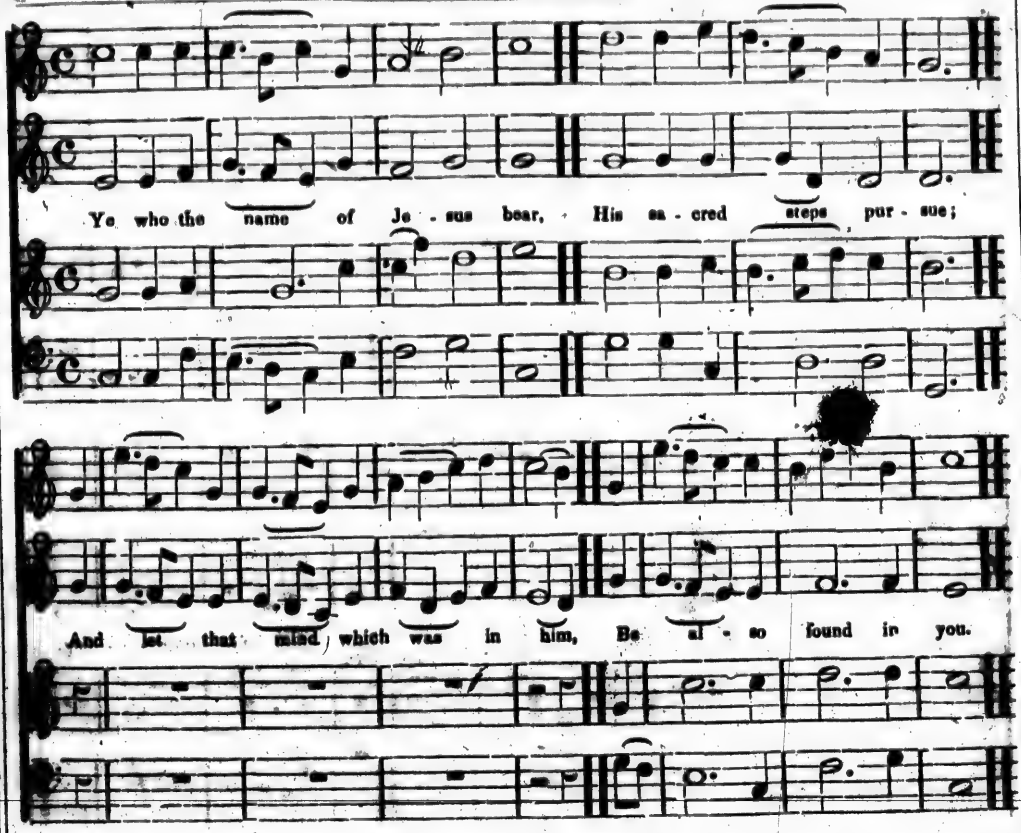

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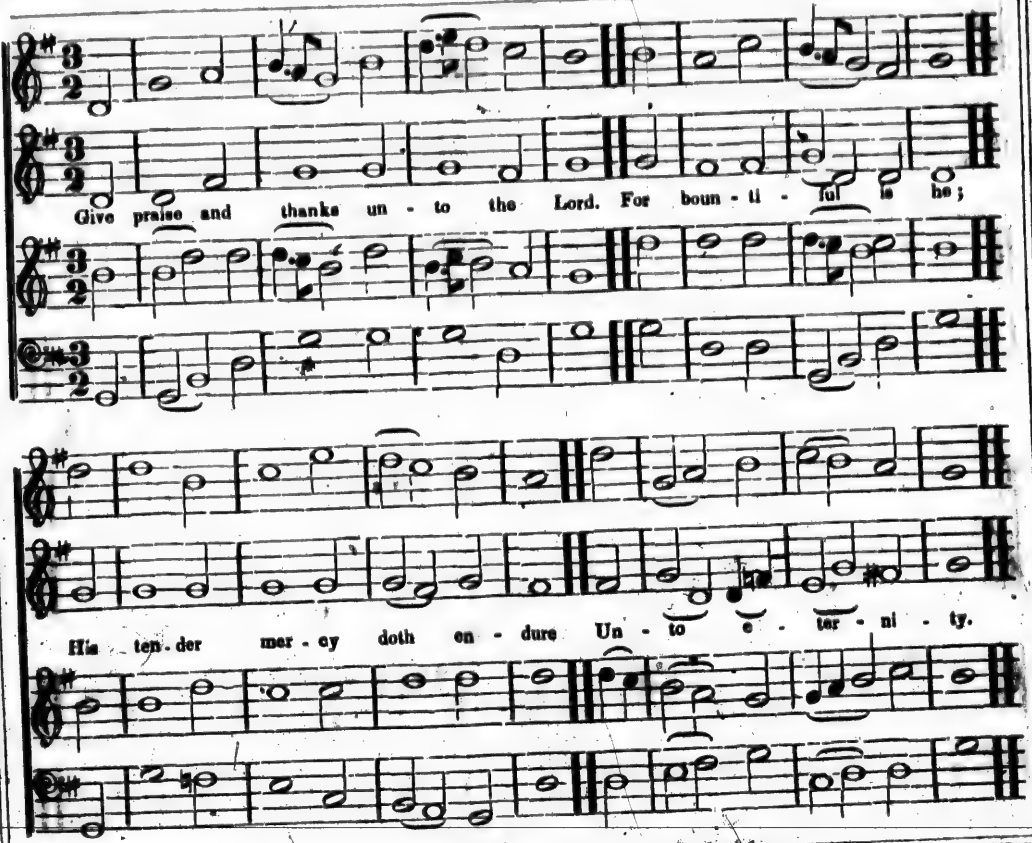

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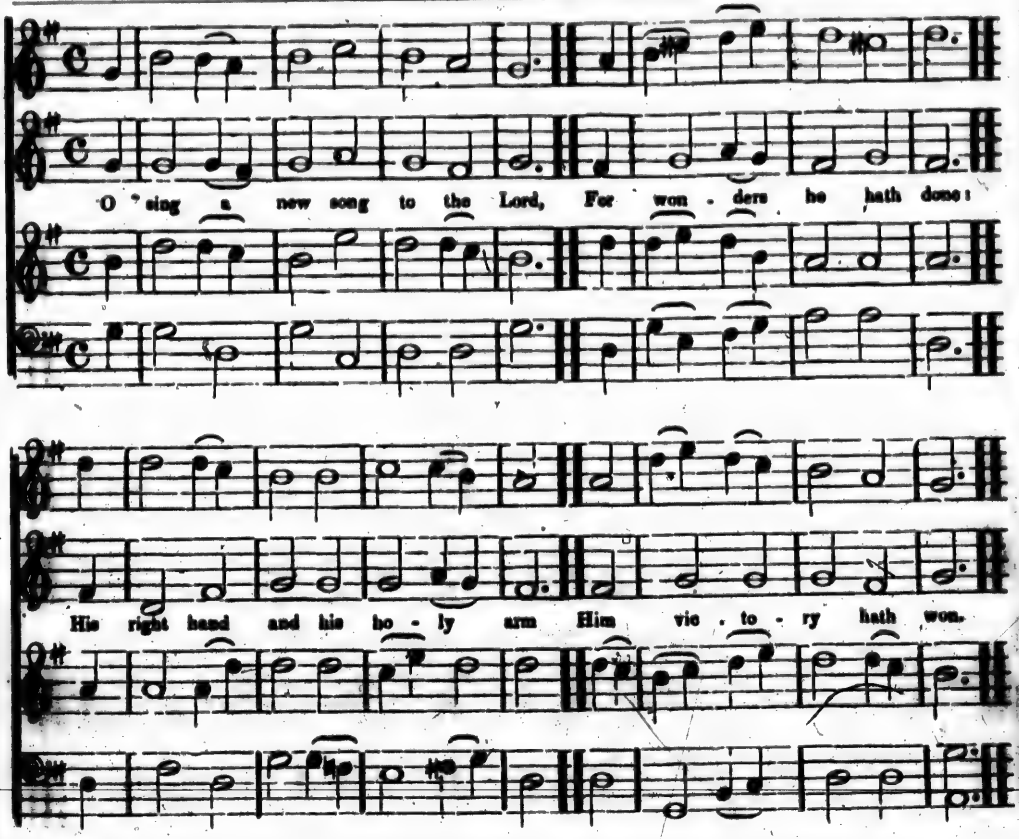

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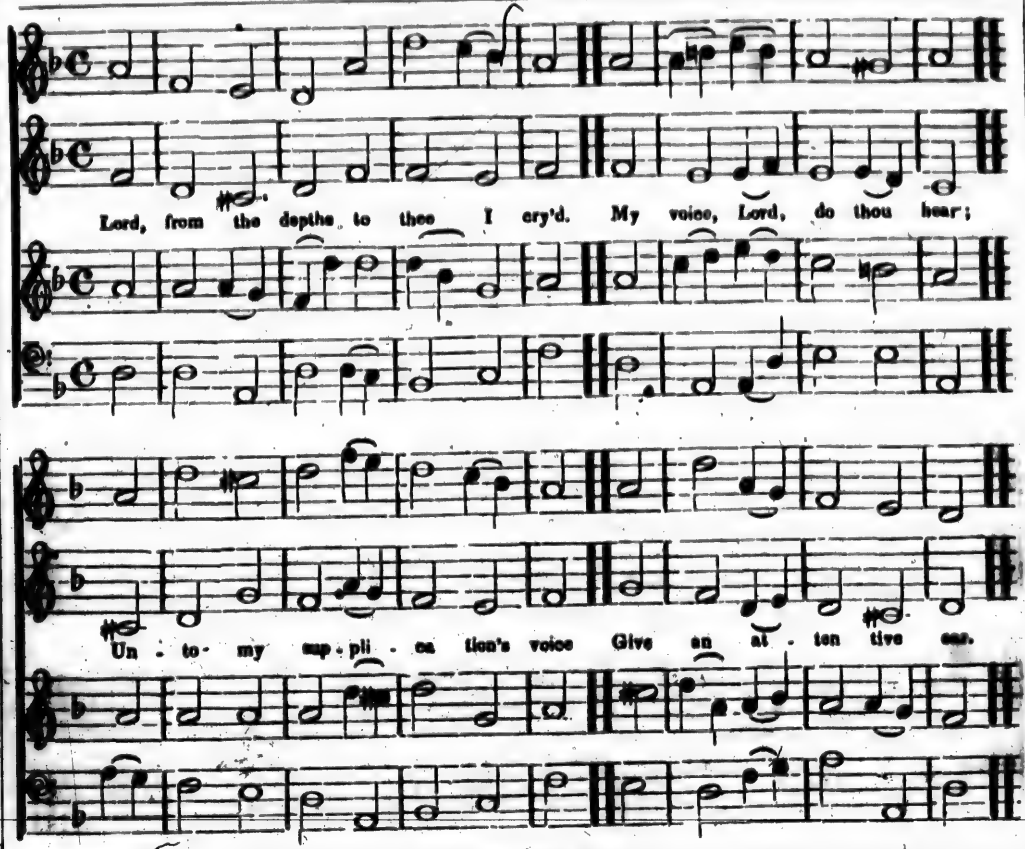

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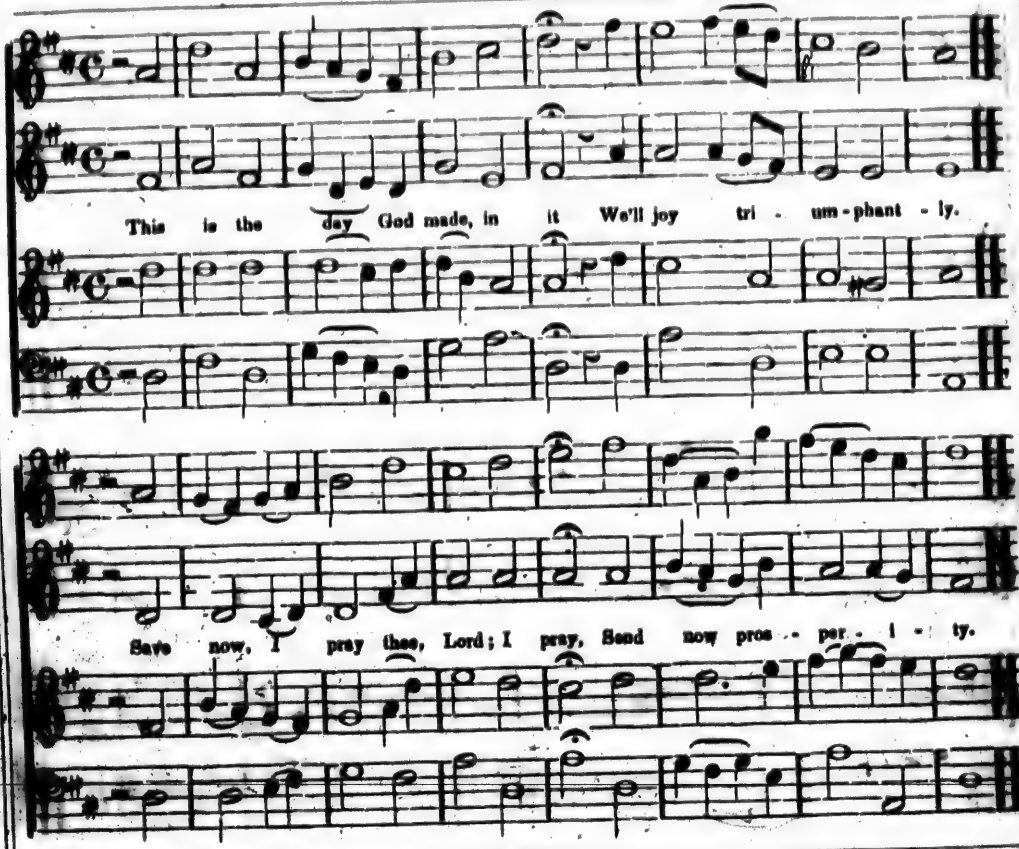

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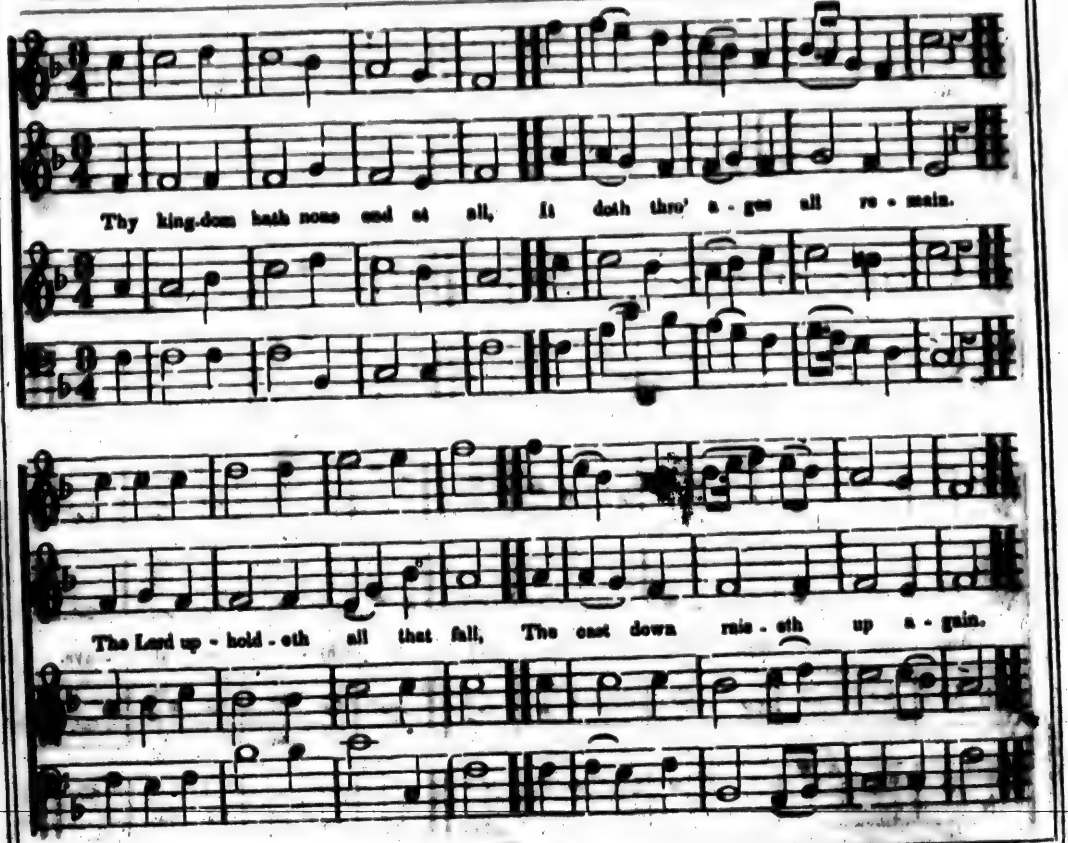

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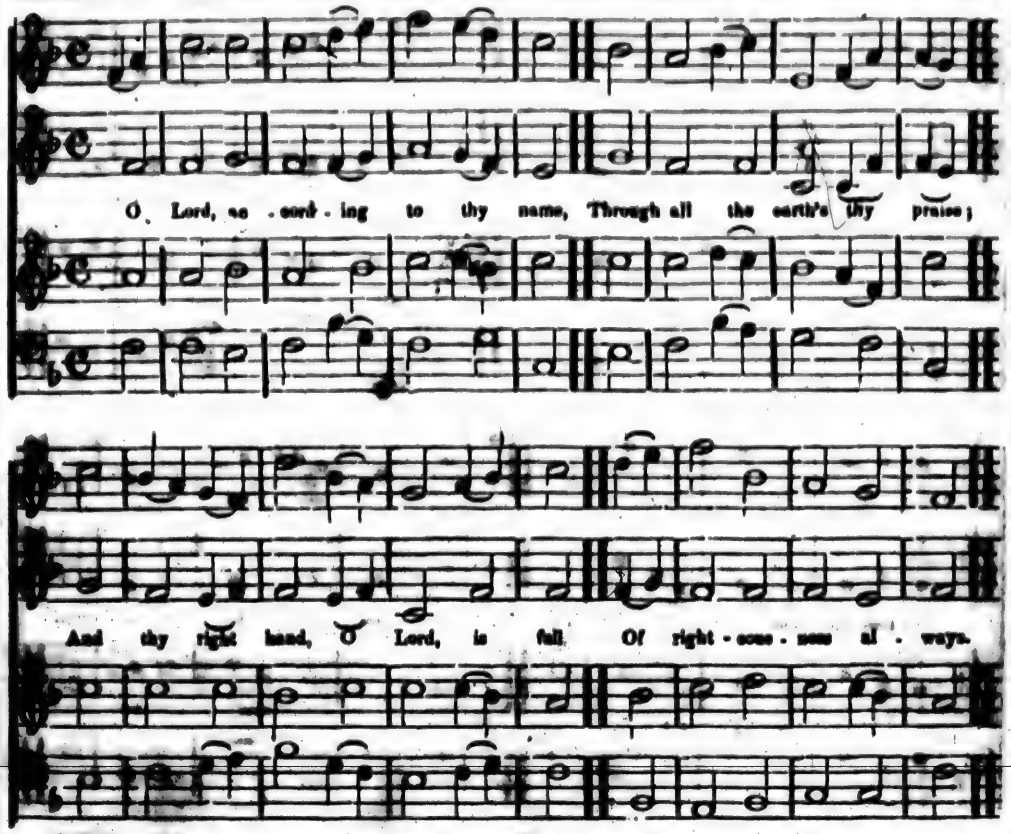

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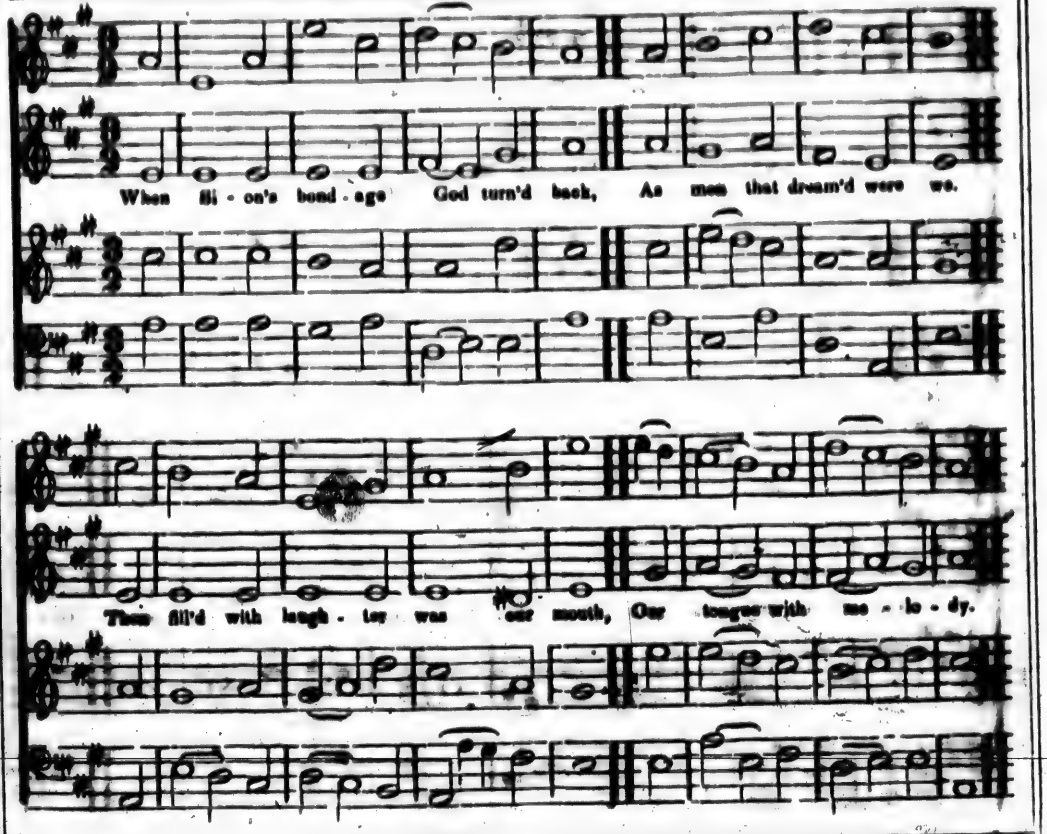

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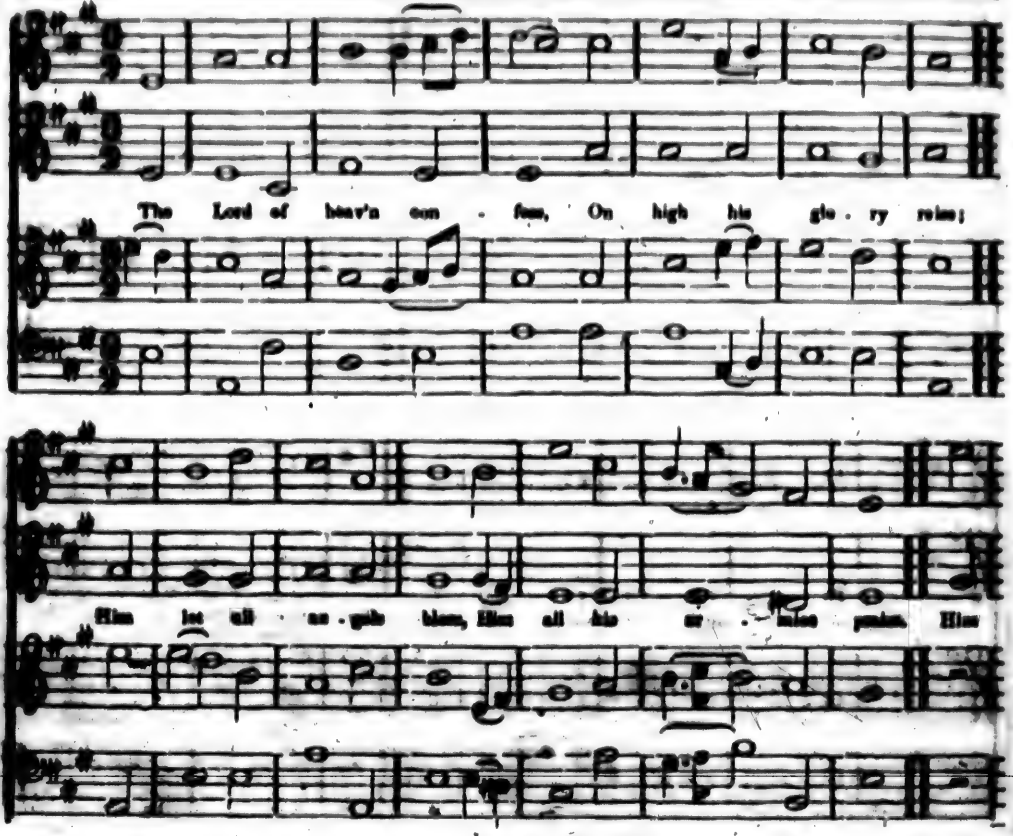

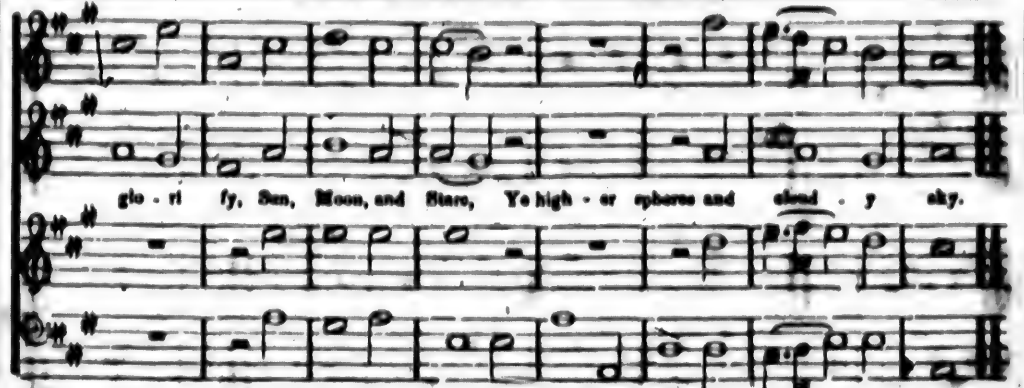

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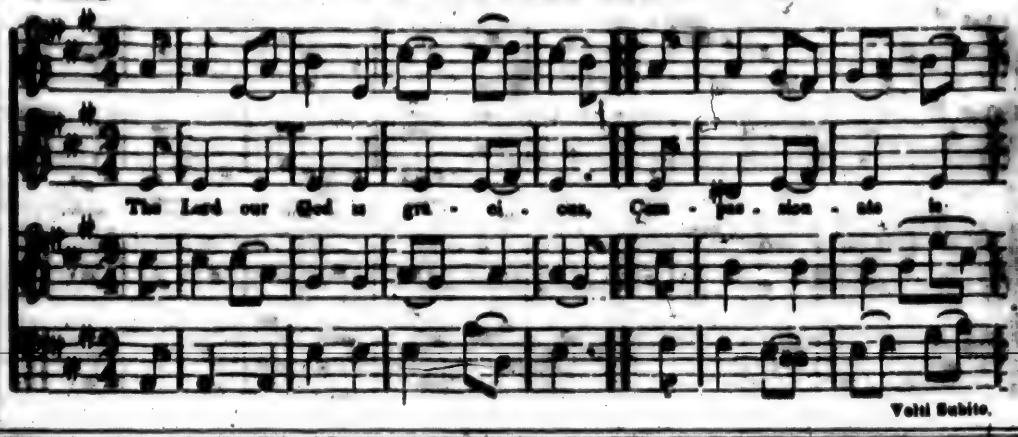

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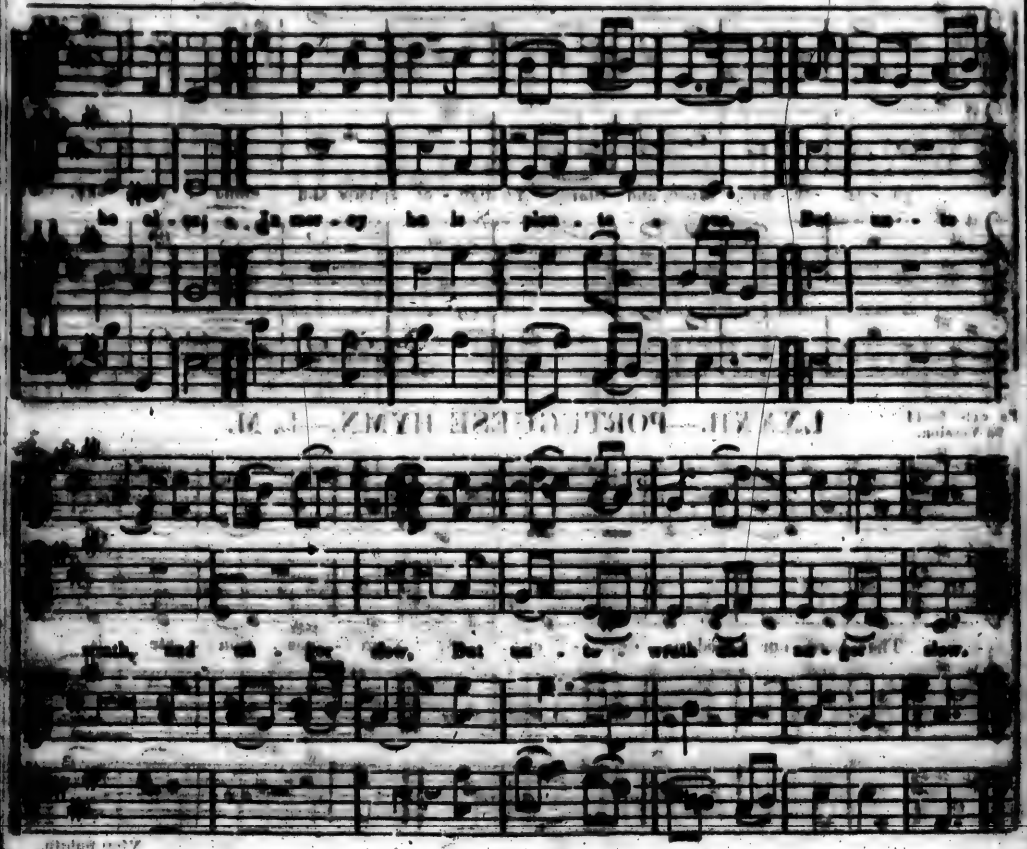
be ev - er - ja - mer - ey be la - pim - la - ah. Ba - ne - be
mah, and ah - ba - don, Ba - ne - be mah ah - ba - don.

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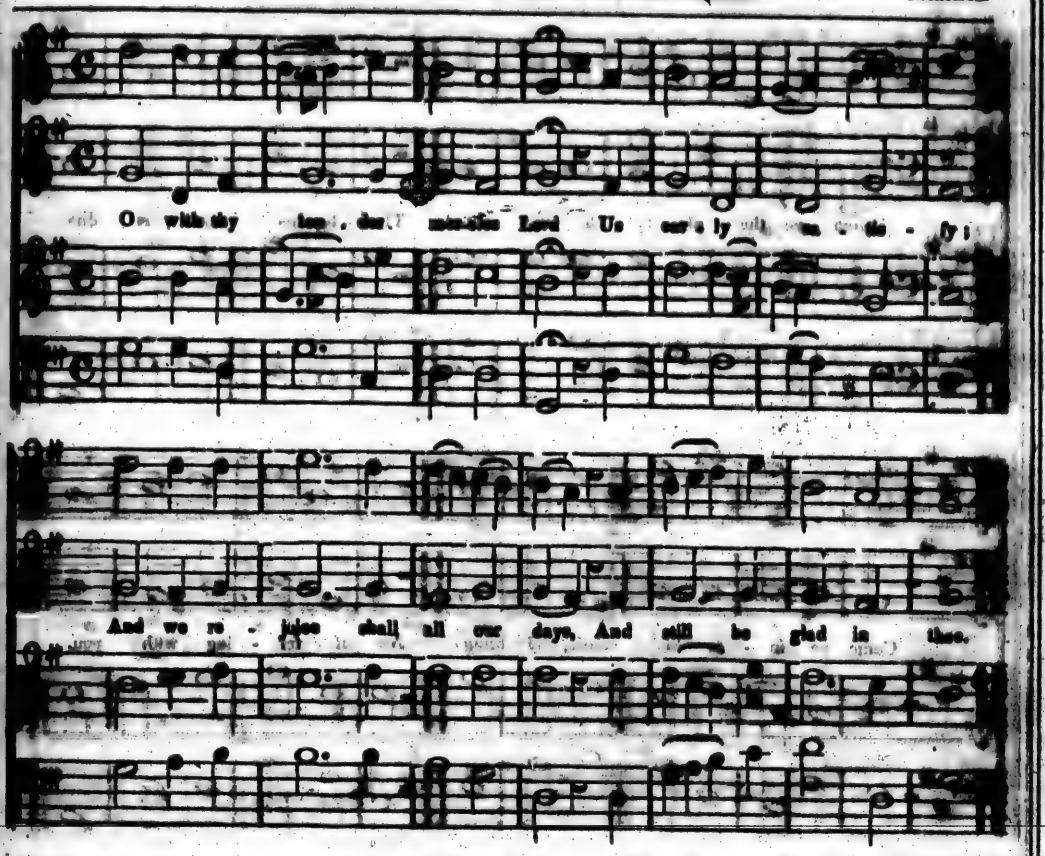
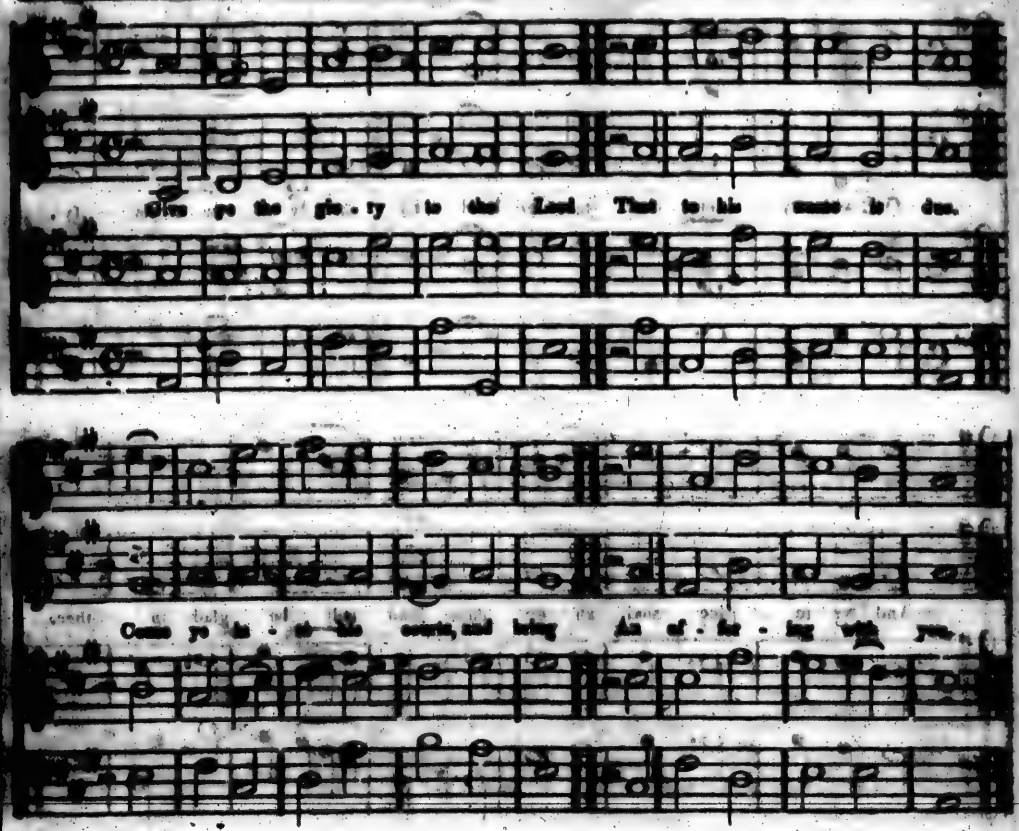
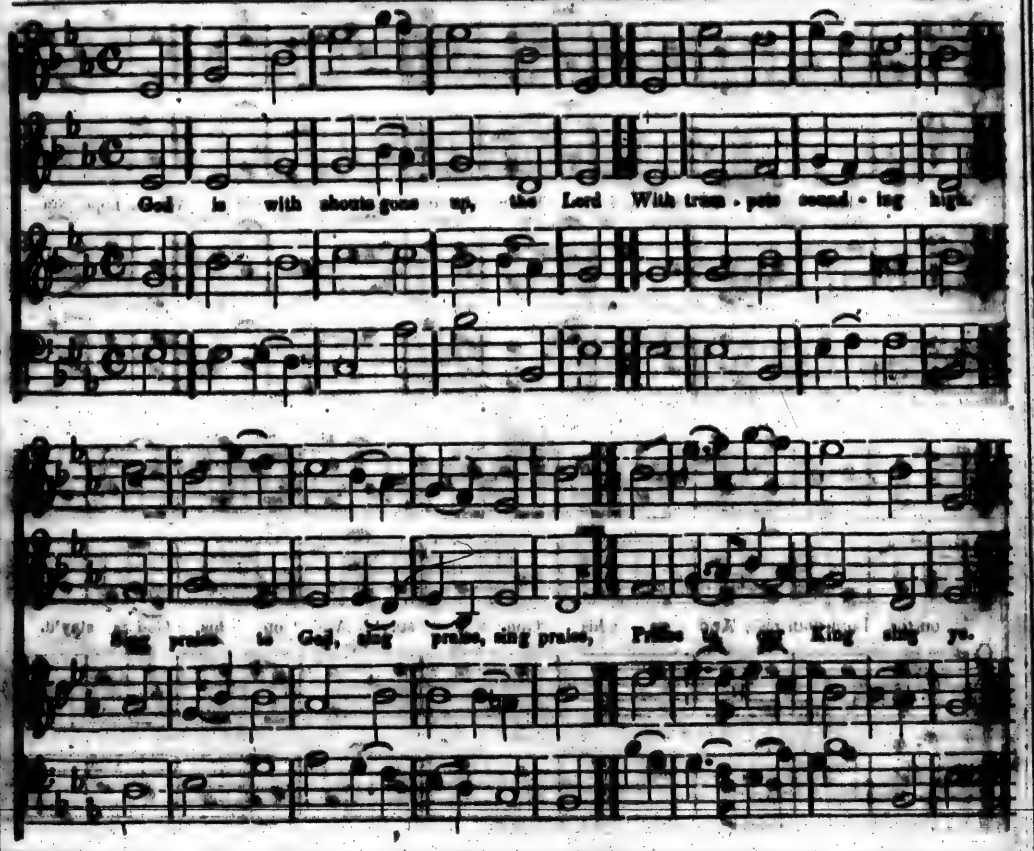



Give ye the glo - ry to the Lord That to his name is due.
Come ye in - to his courts, and bring An of - fer - ing with you.


God is with shouts gone up, the Lord With trum - pets sound - ing high.
Sing praise to God, sing praise, sing praise, Praise to our King sing ye.

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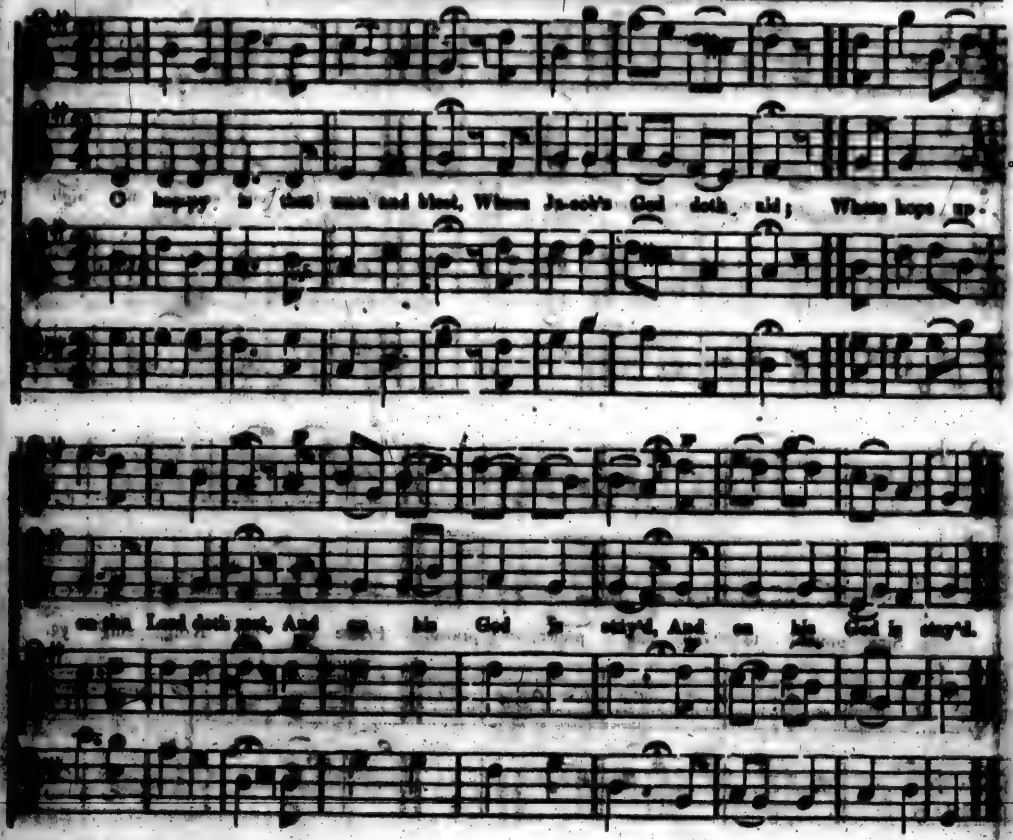

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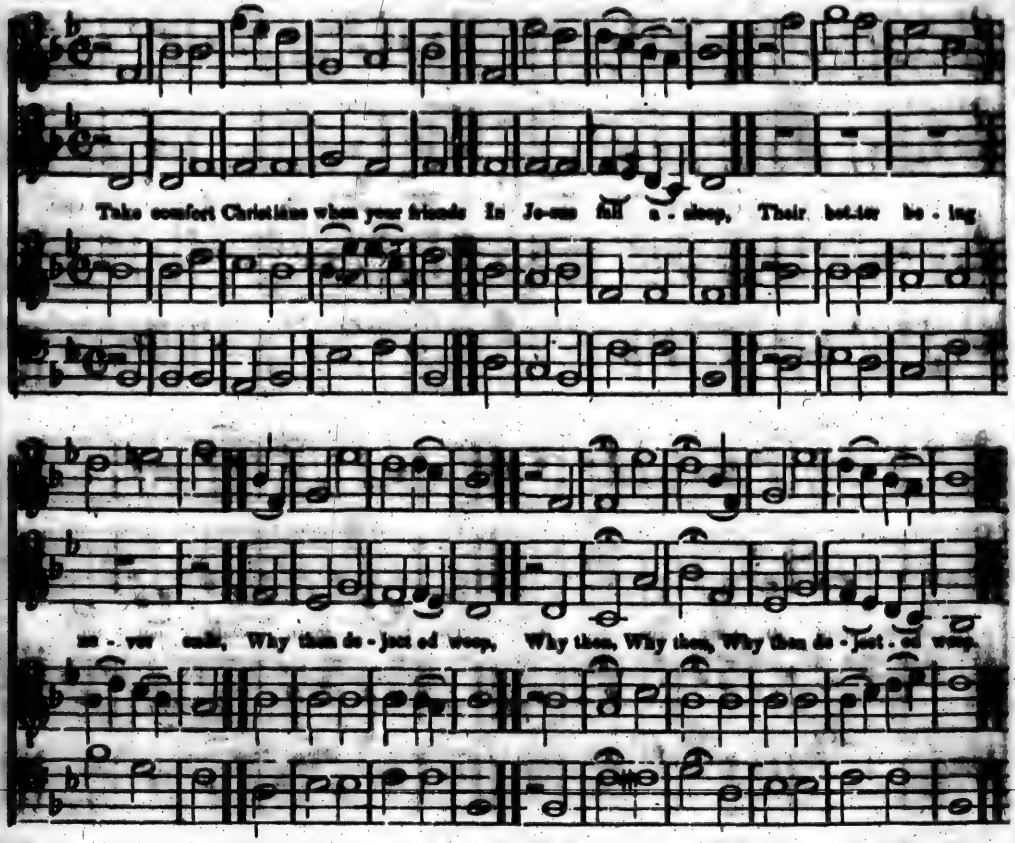

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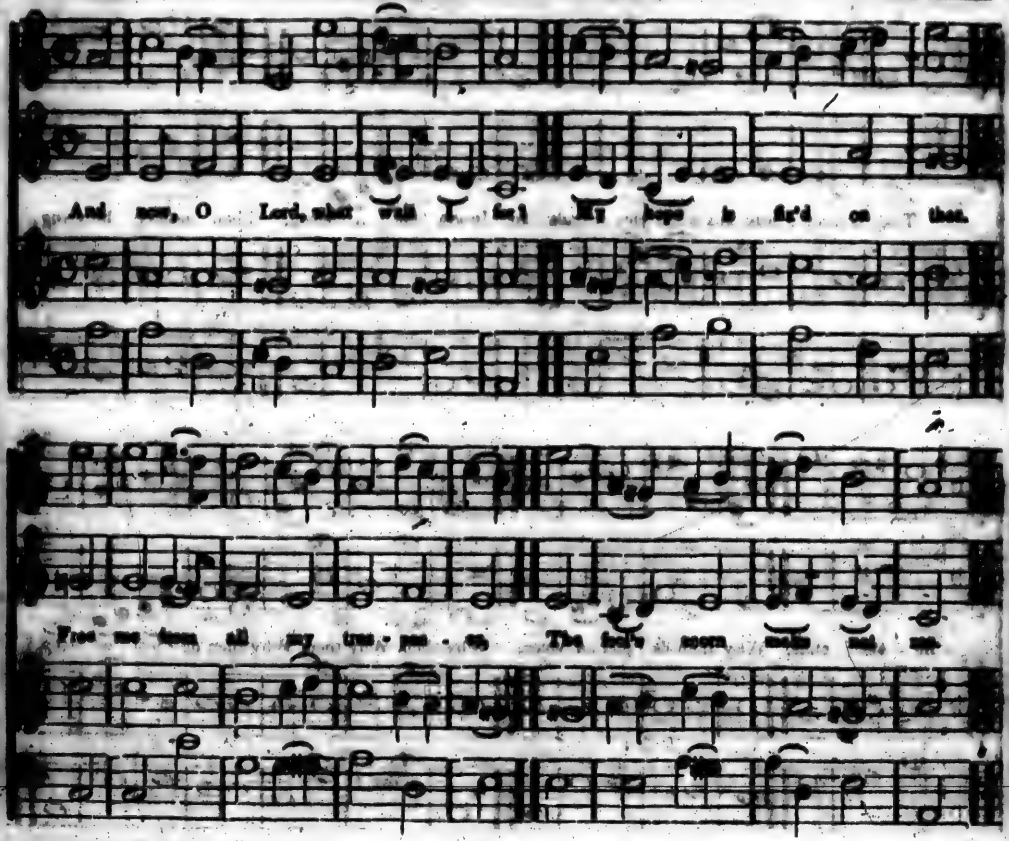

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Wm. Shrubsole.
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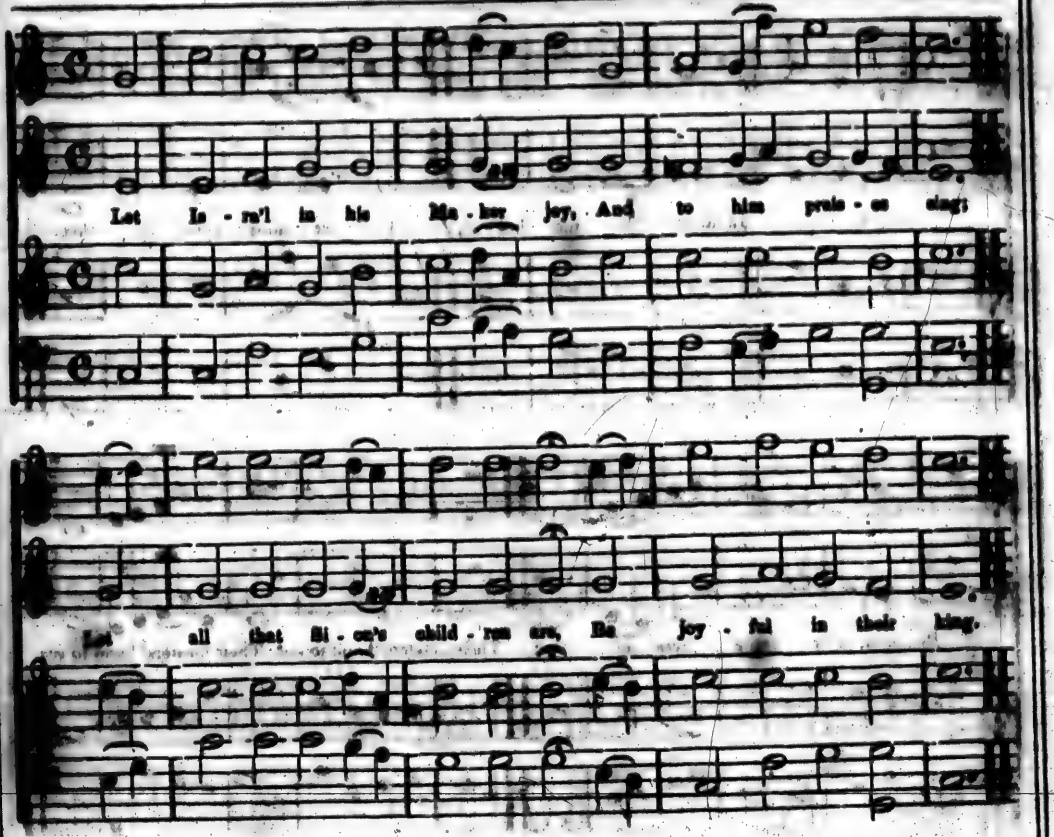

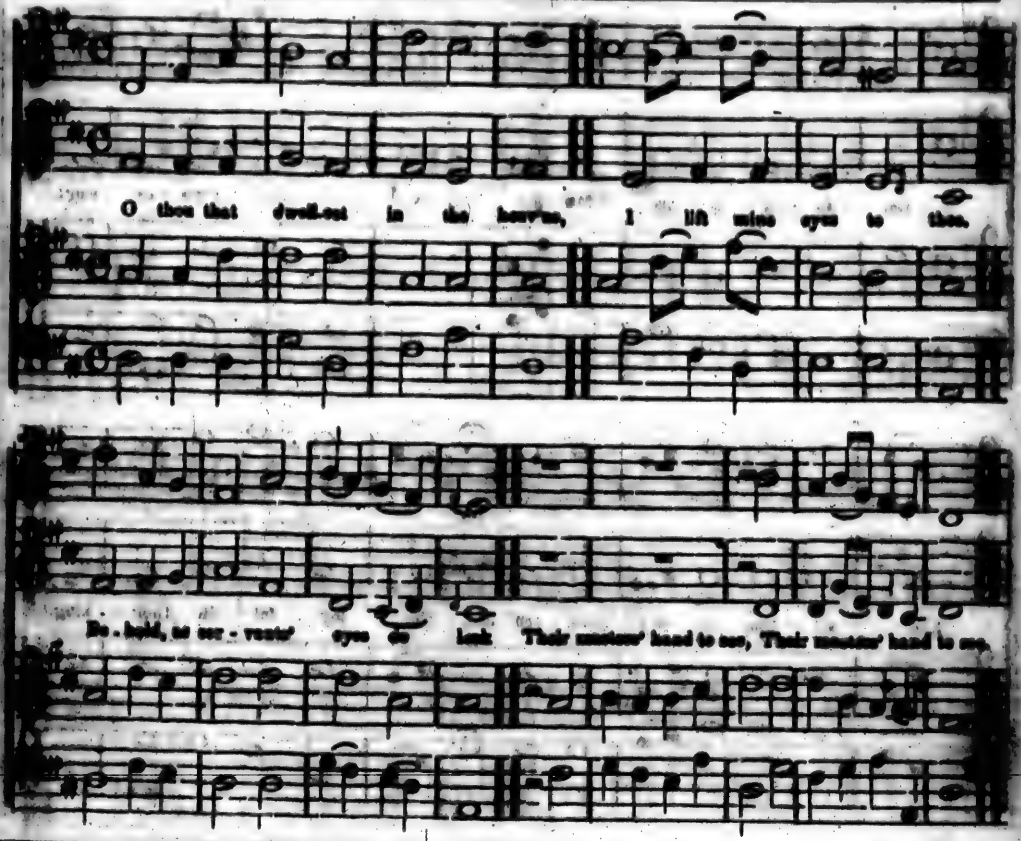
O thou that dwell-est in the heav'ns, I lift mine eyes to thee,
Be - hold, as ser - vants' eyes do look Their masters' hand to see, Their masters' hand to see,

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XCI.—MARTYRS.—C. M.

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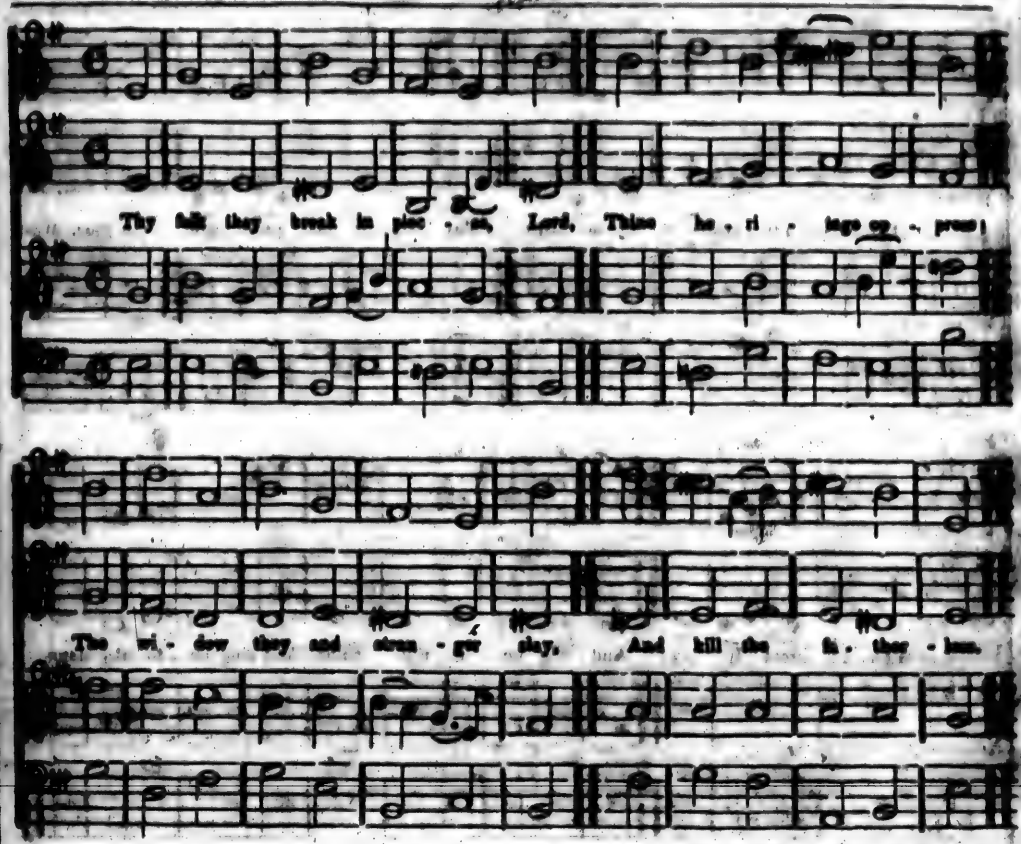

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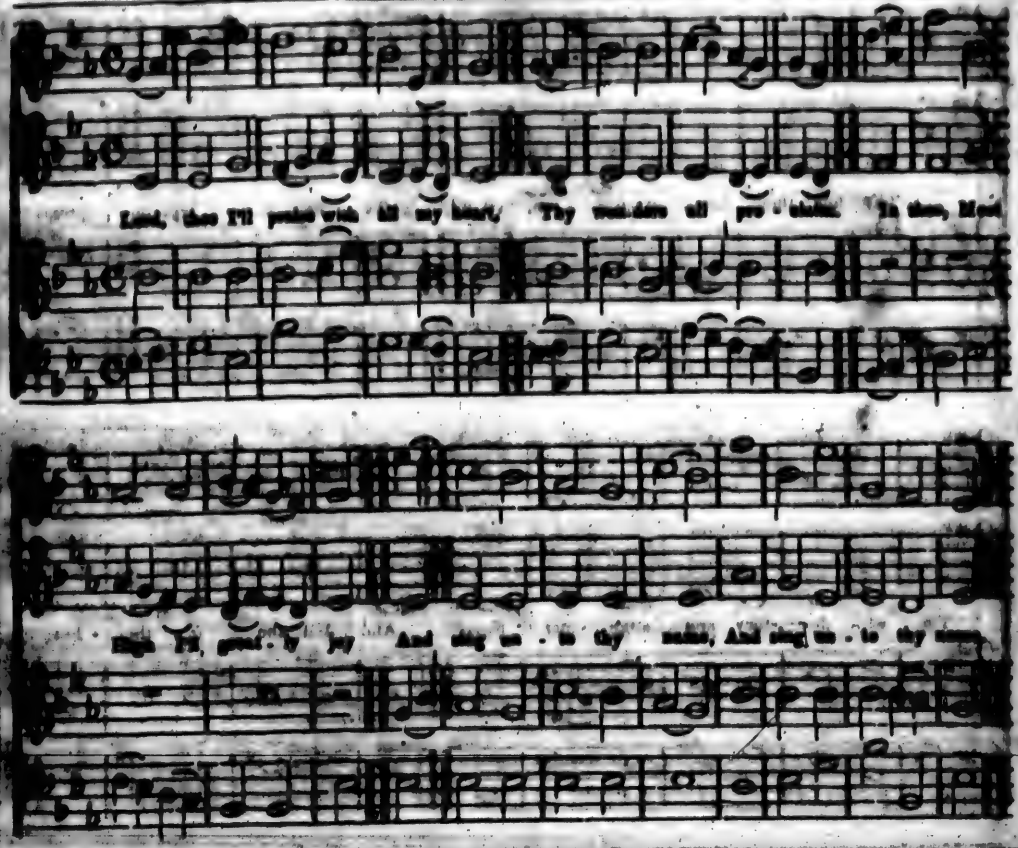

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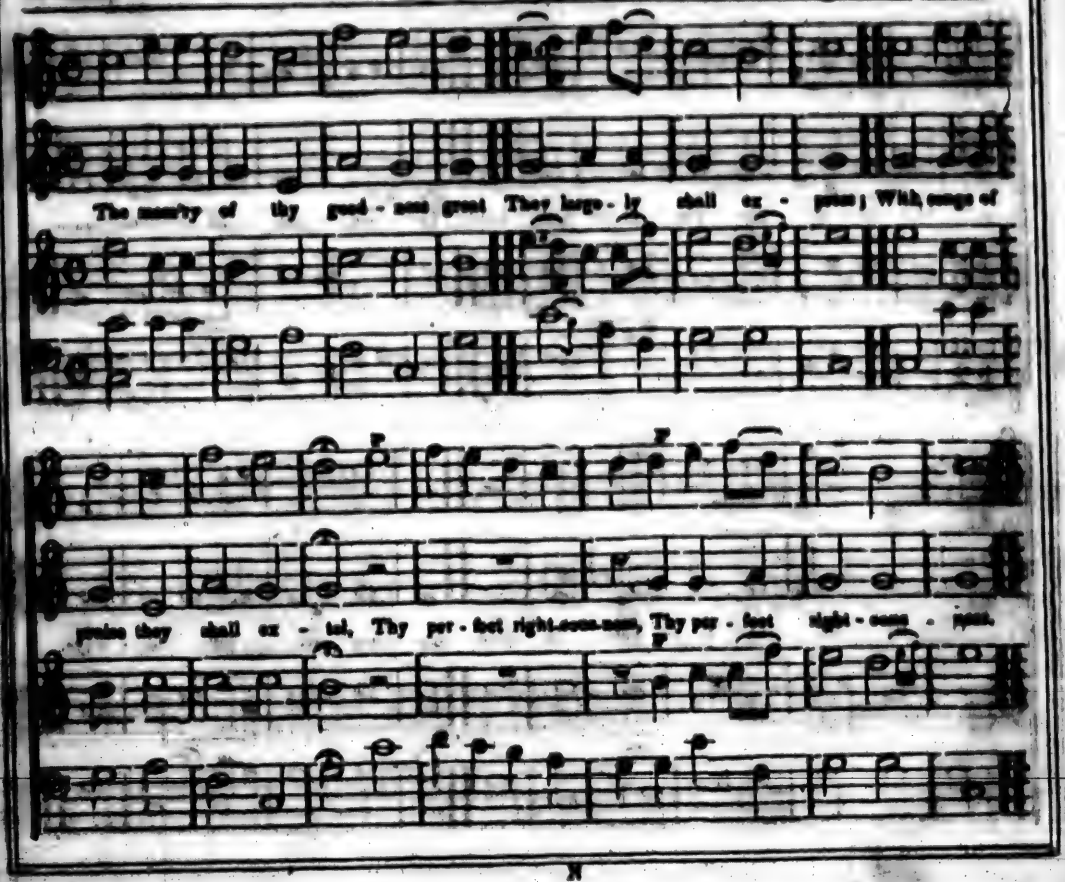

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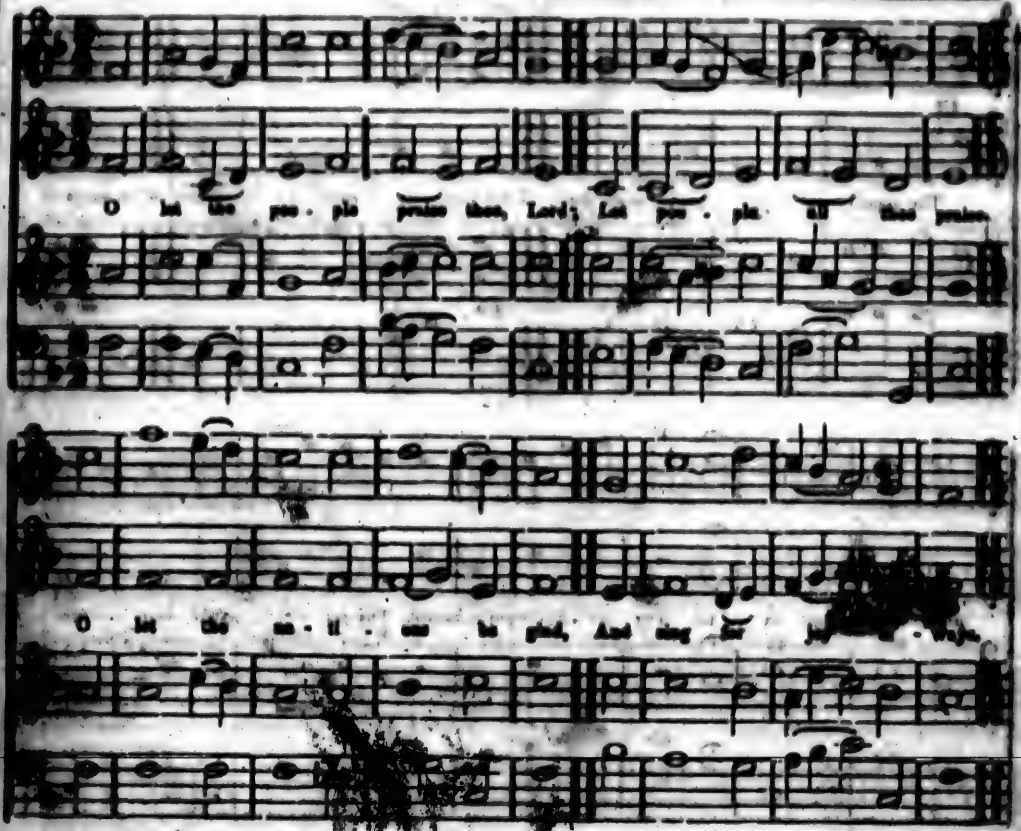

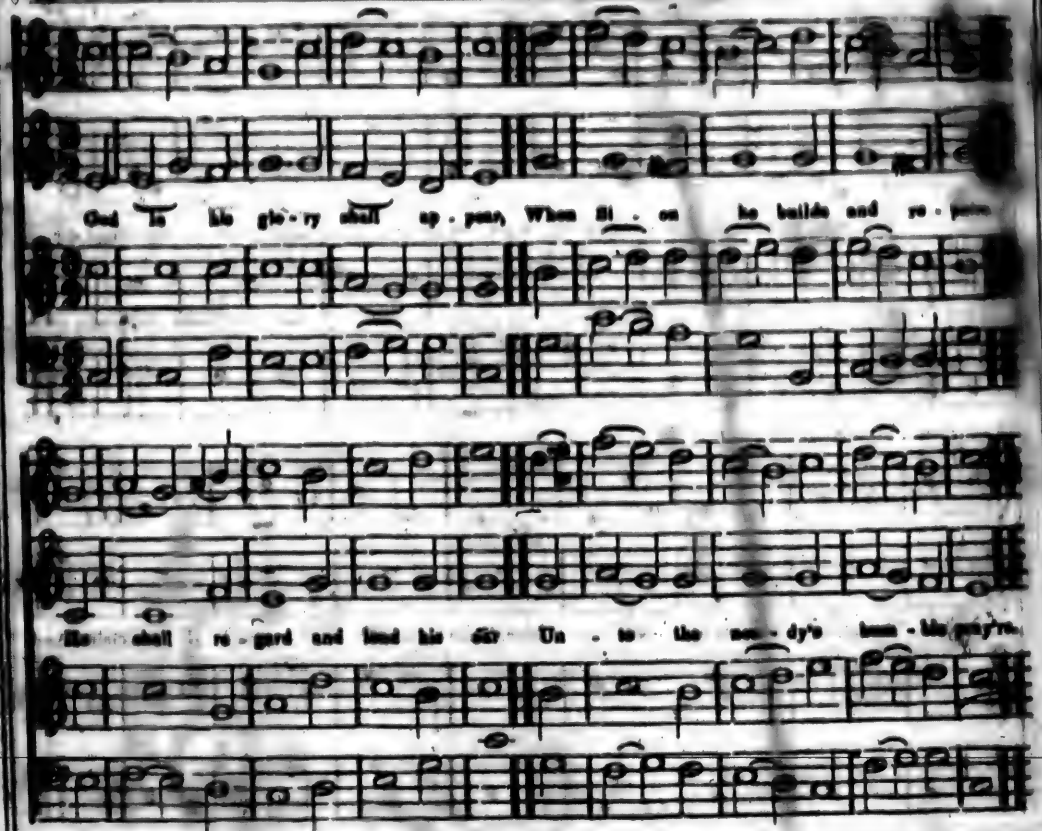
God in his glo - ry shall ap - pear, When Si - on he builds and re - pairs
He shall re - gard and heed his pray'r Un - to the need - y's hum - ble pray'rs

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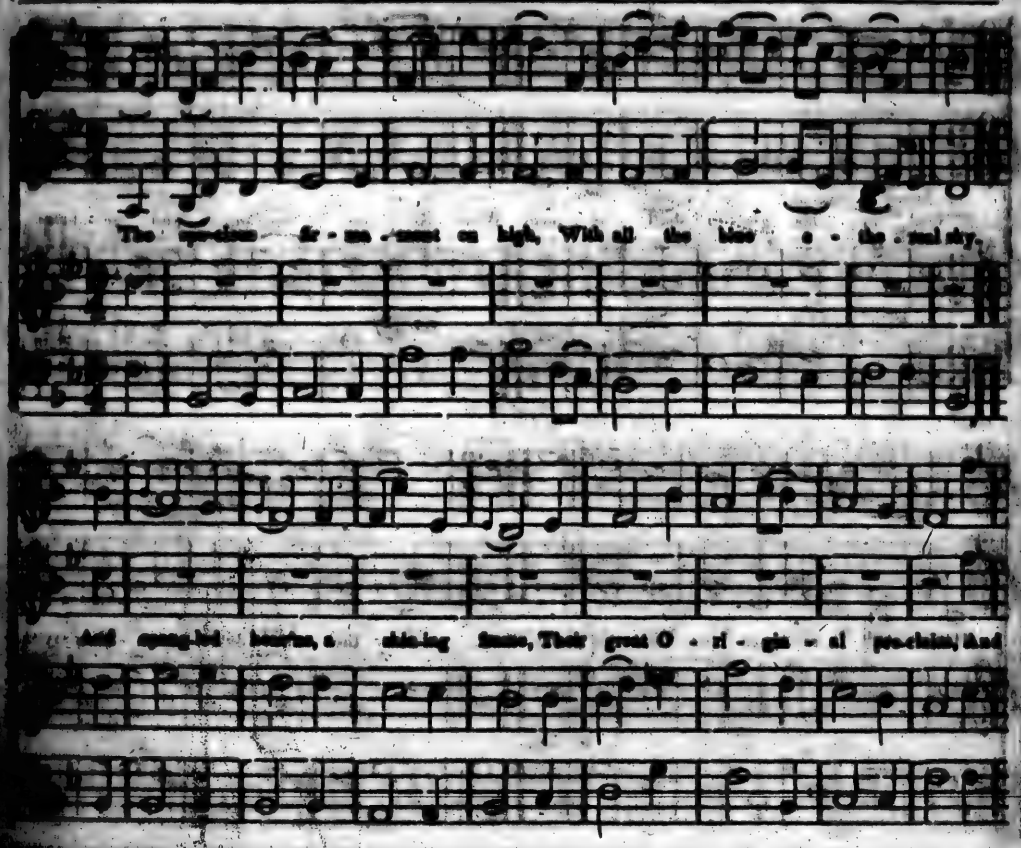

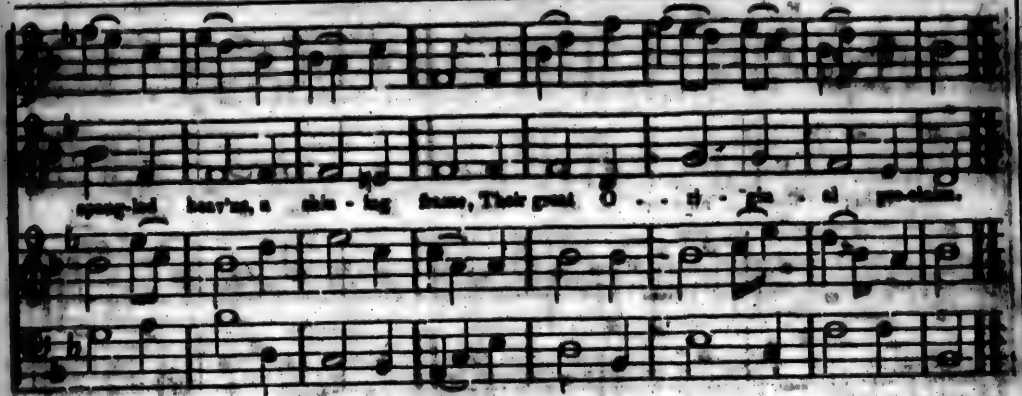

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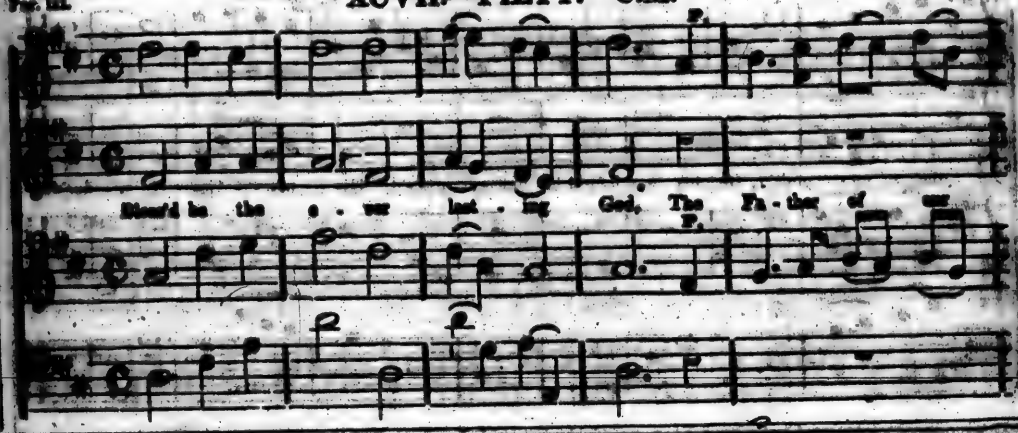
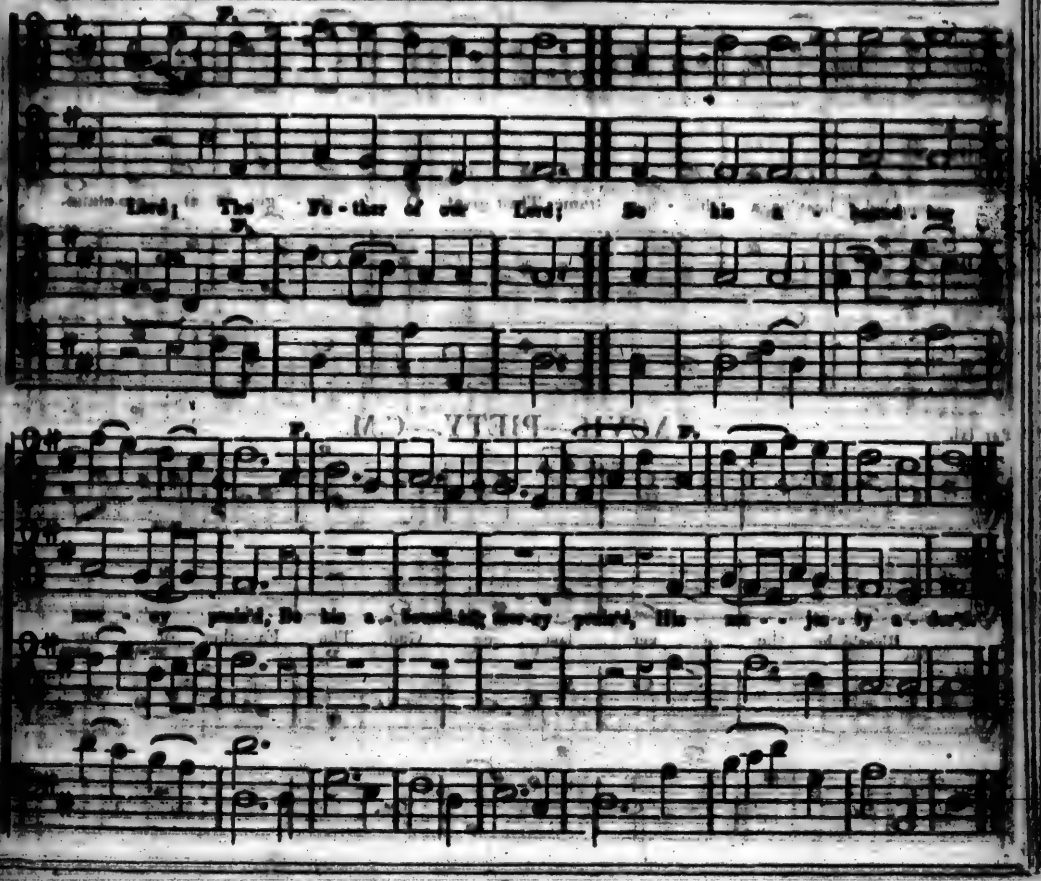
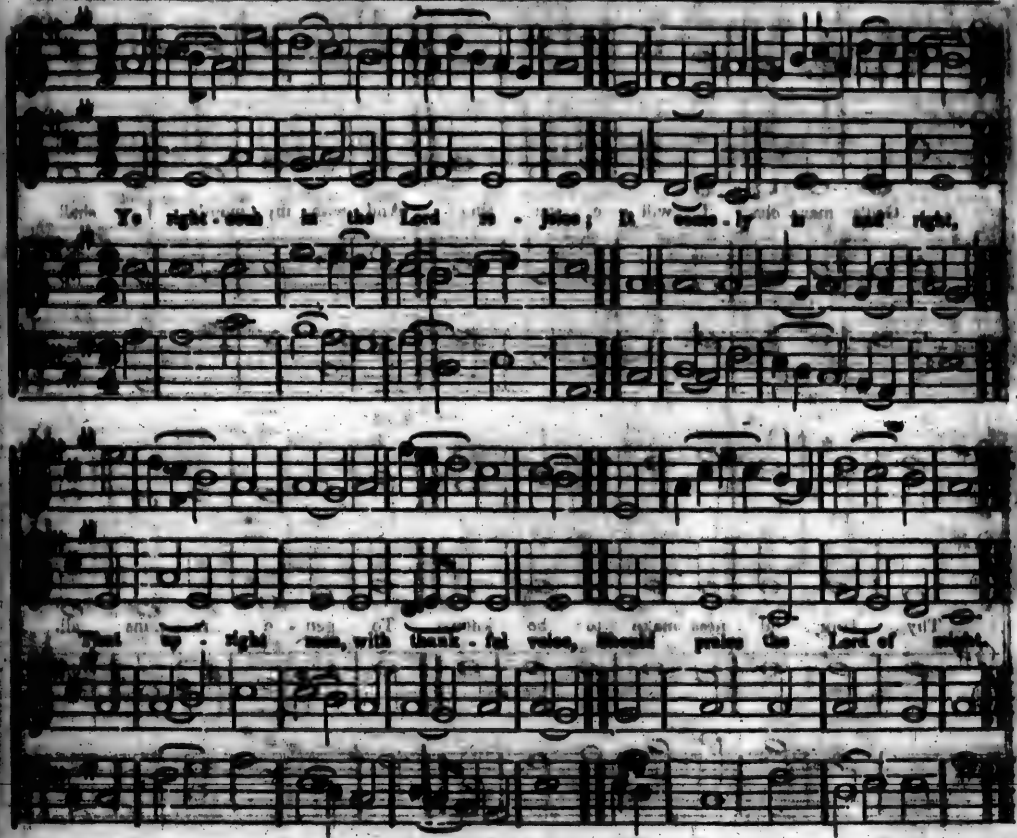
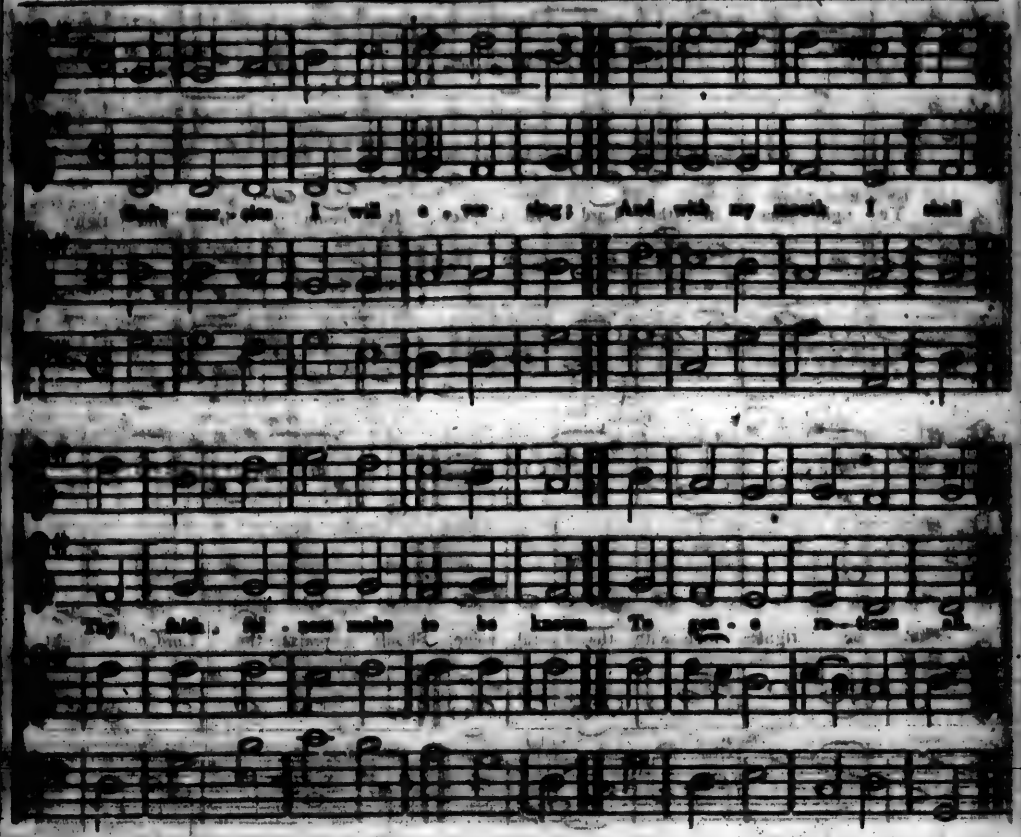


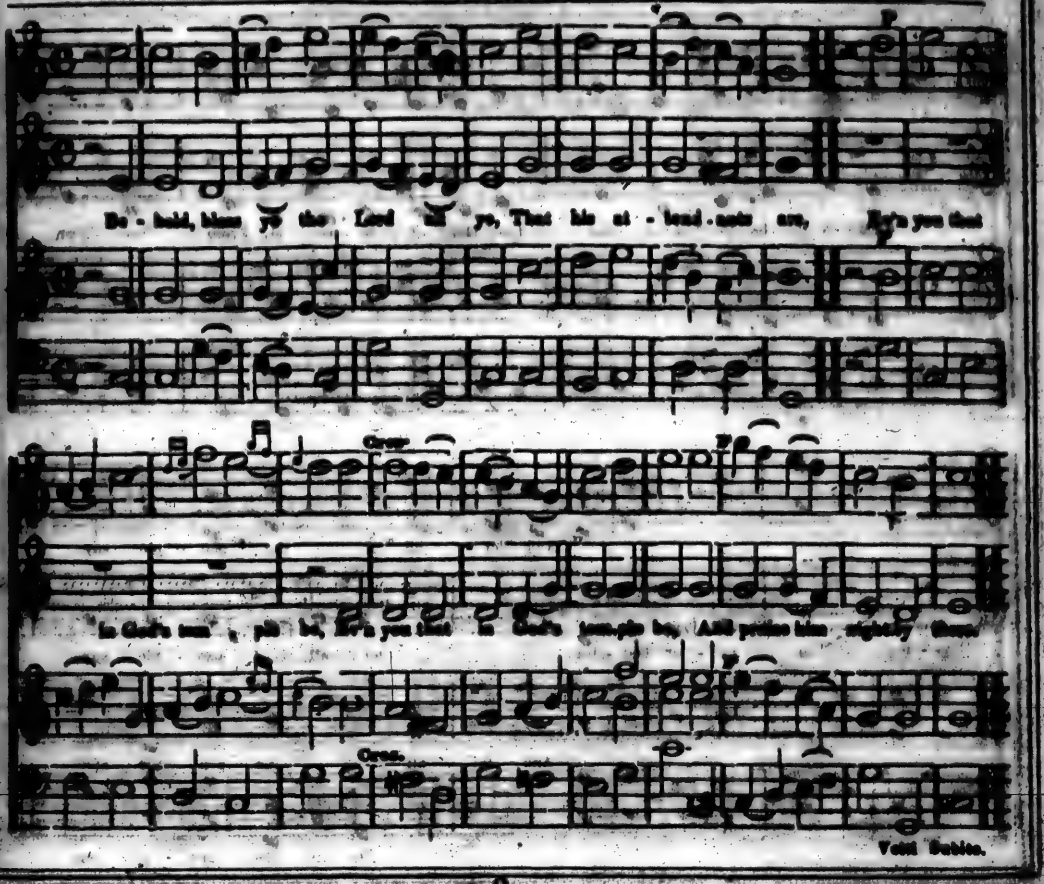

Lord; The Fa-ther of our Lord; Be his name be praised, Be his name be praised, His name be


Ye right-eous in the Lord re-joice; It be-co-meth well right,
that up-right men, with thank-ful voice, should praise the Lord of might.

XIIX.—DUNFERMLINE.—C. M.

From John Knox's Psalter, Edinburgh, 1635.




Be - hold, bless ye the Lord all ye, That his at - tend - ants are,
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In God's own house, oh! ye that are In God's sanctu - ary,
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And praise him mightily. Amen.

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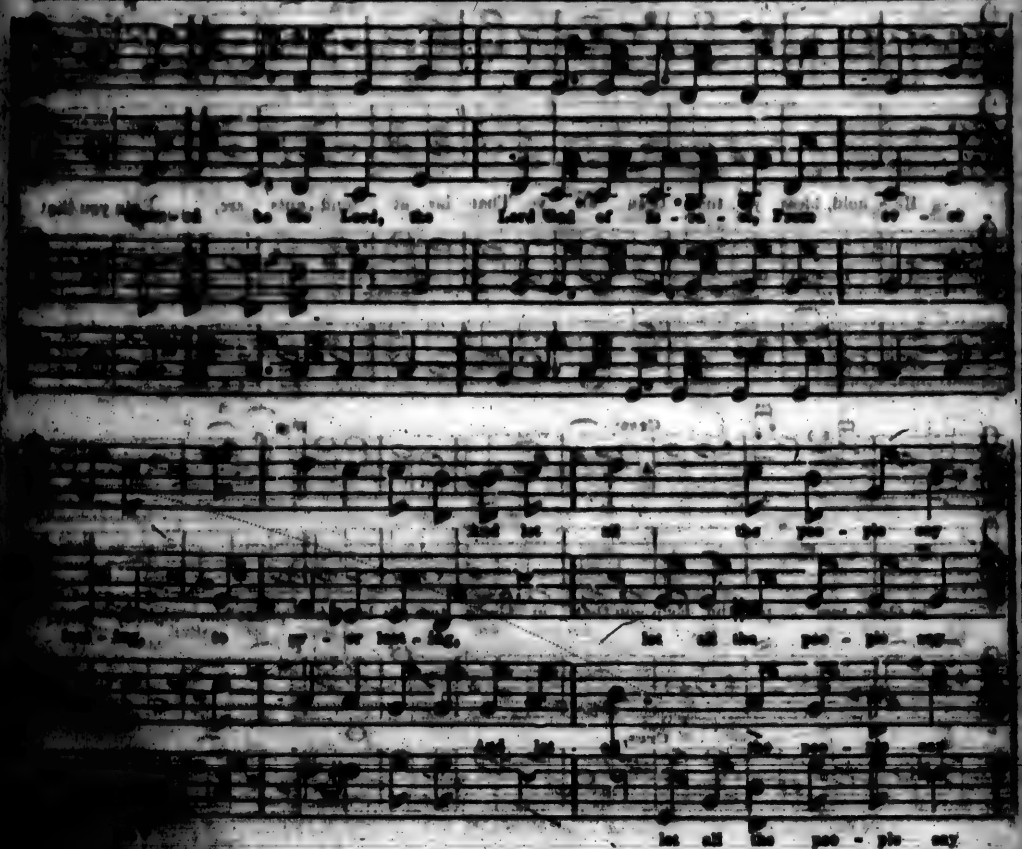
to the Lord, the Lord God of Is - ra - el. From ev - er
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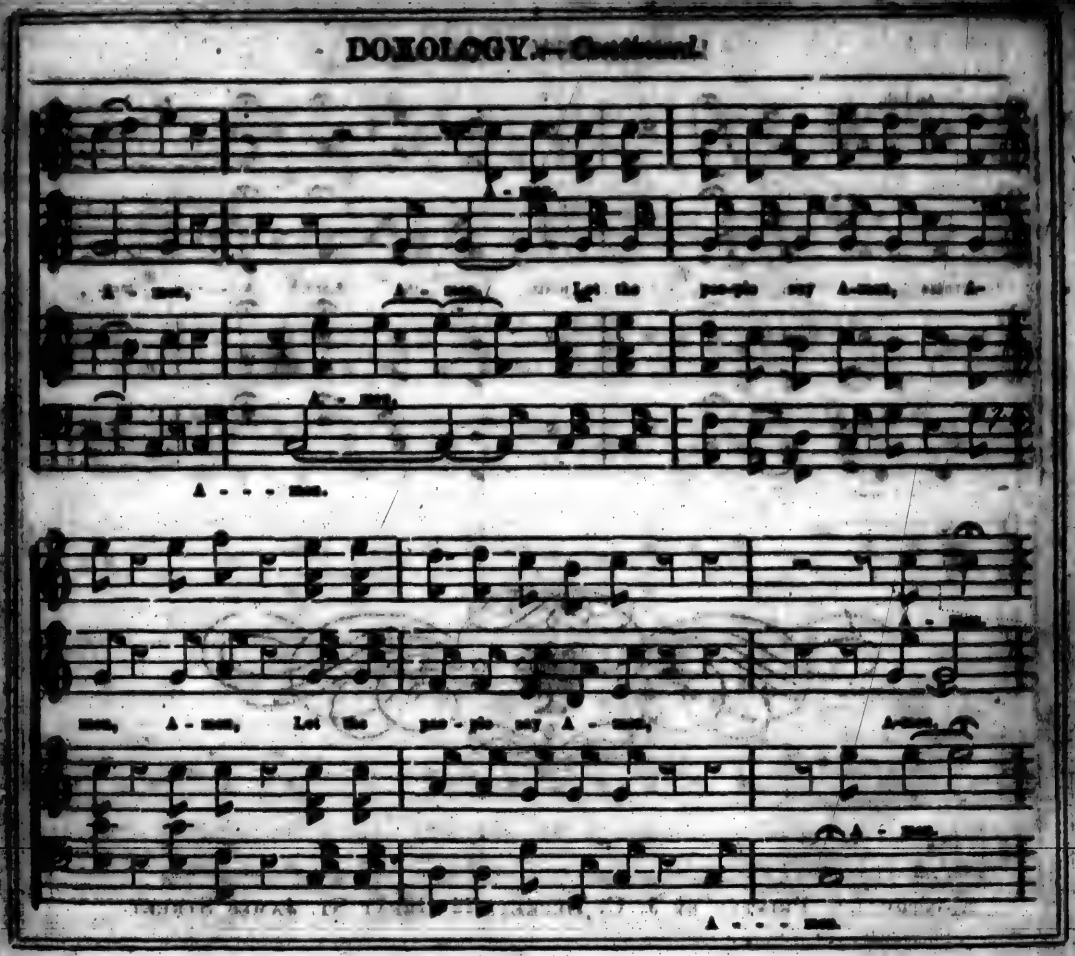
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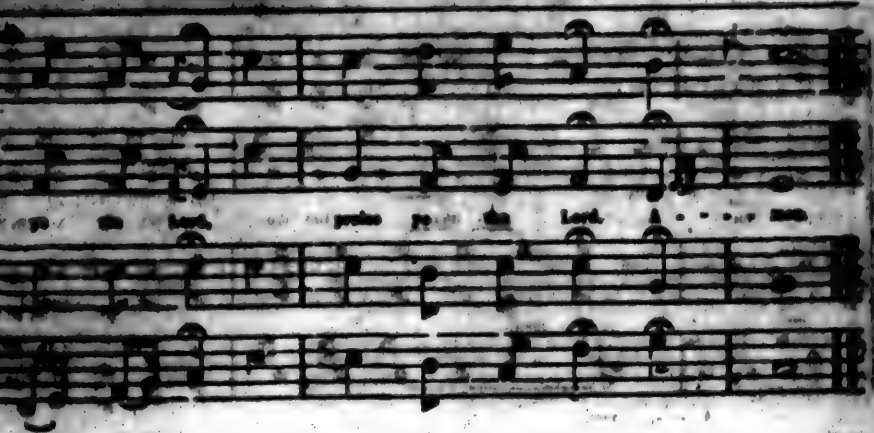

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